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Questions on hiring likely on hold

Special investigation expected to finish early next month

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

Just what price Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo could face for what looks like a political hiring decision could come into focus by early next month. That's when a special investiga-

tion ordered by Gov. Ned Lamont is expected to complete its examination of Colangelo's decision to give a job to the daughter of a politically influential Lamont budget officer — at the same time Colangelo was pressing the budget office to raise the salaries of senior prosecutors. Not many years ago, it was more likely that Connecticut's top prosecutor would be looking into horse-trading for pay raises. But this time it is Colangelo and former deputy budget director Konstantinos Diamantis facing the sharp

questions in what could become a blemish on the Lamont administration's otherwise squeaky-clean record. Lamont let Diamantis go in late October and hired former U.S. Attorney Stanley A. Twardy Jr. two weeks later to examine the ethical implications of Colangelo's decision to make Anastasia Diamantis, 32, an executive assistant — a decision Colangelo defended in an interview last week.

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A special investigation is being conducted into Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo's decision to give a job to the daughter of a politically influential state budget officer. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



A 52-unit apartment complex at Talcott and New Park Avenue in West Hartford is under construction, one of a series of large residential developments across Greater Hartford that are proposed or being built. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

A building bonanza

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Few forecasters anticipated a wave of large-scale apartment and condo projects when the pandemic started, but across central Connecticut developers are building thousands of new housing units. Along with the uncertainty of the COVID-19 era are supply-chain breakdowns and a rough labor market, but

Apartment, condo projects surge across Greater Hartford; here are eight of them

none of that has been enough to stop a building bonanza in the region. "In a lot of towns, there's been no new inventory for so long. In Berlin, we're going from such a small inventory to potentially 400 apartments in the next 24 months," said Chris

Edge, economic development director of Berlin. "A lot of pieces are coming together: Young people are getting married later and having kids later. They have school debt, so they're not looking to buy a house," Edge said. "And then you have people

looking to downsize but stay in town. Right now there's demand from millennials, from empty-nesters, both ends of the spectrum." Developer Tony Valenti of Newport Realty, who is building apartments in Berlin and age-restricted condos in Plainville this year, said demand for new residential projects is intense. "At the start of the pandemic, a lot of things were on pause. As

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A rendering shows the northwest corner of the One Park development at the corner of Park Road and Prospect Street in West Hartford. **AMENTA EMMA ARCHITECTS**

Church gets 1st female senior pastor

Willan comes to First Church West Hartford from Massachusetts

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — First Church West Hartford, which has had 20 senior pastors since it was founded in 1713, has appointed its first female senior pastor. The Rev. Jane Willan will assume her duties on Feb. 8. Willan, 60, is pastor at First Congregational Church of Paxton, Massachusetts. Before moving to New England, she was a pastor in two congregations in Iowa. Before beginning her pastoral career,

she taught religion, including for a time at Ethel Walker School in Simsbury. Willan also writes murder mysteries. Willan will succeed Rev. Dr. C. Geordie Campbell, who retired in January 2020. Reached at her home in Paxton, Willan said she is experienced at being the "first." "I've ... been the first woman installed pastor at Creston, Burlington, Paxton, and now West Hartford," she said. She was compelled to apply for the leadership position in the 419-member First Church for many reasons. "I was attracted to their commitment to social justice, their outreach to the local community,

their understanding of who they are in the world, not just a church contained within its own walls," she said. "This is a church that goes outside its walls to serve. ... Are they doing in the world what God has called the church to do? That is the question they are always asking." She also likes that First Church is open and affirming. In Iowa, Willan performed some of the first same-sex marriages in that state, after the state Supreme Court legalized them in 2009. "The best one I did was this couple from Missouri, two women. They couldn't get married in Missouri," she said. "One was

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The Rev. Jane Willan has been appointed the first female senior pastor in the 309-year history of First Church West Hartford. **FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD**

UConn women's game canceled

DePaul up next instead of No. 1 South Carolina

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

The ninth-ranked UConn women's basketball team will no longer play No. 1 South Carolina on Thursday night and will instead travel to DePaul to play the Blue Demons on Wednesday at 8 p.m., a makeup date for the teams' previously scheduled matchup in December that was canceled due to COVID-19 issues. South Carolina will be playing SEC foe Ole Miss on Thursday instead, a game that was initially supposed to take place on Jan. 2.

"Dawn Staley reached out to me about postponing the series for this season," UConn head coach Geno Auriemma said in a statement. "It's a priority for South Carolina to make up SEC games, so this is the best decision for them right now. We know a lot of fans were excited for this game, but we look forward to continuing the series with South Carolina in future seasons." "I know our fans always enjoy the UConn game, and our team enjoys the rivalry; but I have always said that our conference season and especially our goal of another SEC championship is more central to our program," South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley said. "As we approach the second half of league play next month, it has become more important to complete our SEC schedule to keep ourselves in the running for a conference title. This Thursday is one of the few dates Ole Miss has open, so, with my team's best interest at heart, I started the conversations that led us to this point."

A TV designation for the UConn-DePaul game has yet to be announced. The schools will look to reschedule the game in a future season to complete the previous home-and-home deal; the two programs are already set to face off in Storrs next season and in Columbia in 2023-24. Then-No. 2 UConn previously fell this season to top-ranked South Carolina, 73-57, in the Battle 4 Atlantis championship game in November. This is the first of four canceled Big East games UConn has finally rescheduled; it is unclear whether the other three — against Marquette, at Georgetown and at Villanova — will be made up.

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Rams upset Bucs

The Rams beat the Buccaneers 30-27 on a last-minute drive to advance to the NFC title game, raising questions about the future of Tampa quarterback Tom Brady. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

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“I never looked at her as a political hire,” Colangelo said. “I hired her because I thought she could help the division.”

Since Twardy’s appointment, a variety of officials have said his inquiry will examine matters beyond the hiring — including the part of Konstantinos Diamantis’s former job responsibilities that involved school construction. While working for Colangelo, Anastasia Diamantis worked part time for a company that advised municipalities on school construction.

One of the officials, Justice Andrew J. McDonald, who has the authority to fire Colangelo as chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission, said Twardy is looking “beyond” the hiring of Anastasia Diamantis, and the commission will wait for Twardy to report his findings before deciding how to proceed.

Twardy has agreed under his contract with Lamont to “conduct a confidential factual investigation on behalf of the Office of the Governor regarding possible improprieties by state employees and possibly others, and, as requested, to provide legal analysis and recommendations for possible further actions.”

Diamantis was informed by the state personnel office that he was put on administrative leave because of “alleged misconduct.” He was placed on paid leave but resigned. Had he remained on leave, he was instructed to make himself “available for the persons investigating the alleged misconduct.”

His daughter continues to work for Colangelo. She began in early July 2020, less than a month after applying. She started at a salary of about \$99,000, more than most state prosecutors earn, and

is expected to make more than \$100,000 this year.

In state government, agency executive assistant positions are often created to reward political allies. They are limited in number and must be approved by state budget officials, of whom one of the most senior was Konstantinos Diamantis, the former deputy secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

Colangelo said that there was nothing political about hiring Anastasia Diamantis.

“She is like a jack of all trades for us,” he said. “She is helping in three or four areas where we would have to get three or four people. She is helping with training. She is helping with policy, grant reporting. She is helping with data collection. She is filling gaps.”

He said he met her at a Greek Night event at a Mediterranean restaurant.

“I talked to her,” he said. “She was well-spoken. She was intelligent. She had a master’s. And I asked her to send me a resume.”

When Anastasia Diamantis applied, she had been working for about five years at another state agency, the Department of Rehabilitation Services. Colangelo said she disclosed during a background check that she had a part-time job with a construction management company called Construction Advocacy Partners in Moosup. Some of that company’s work involves representing cities and towns that build schools with grant money distributed by the state Office of School Construction Grants and Review, which her father directed.

Colangelo said he didn’t consider her part-time job in school construction to be a conflict with her father’s role in distributing school construction grants. Among other things, he said no one complained of a conflict when she held the part-time job while working in rehabilitation services.

And part-time employment is not uncommon among the 500 or so employees of the Division of Criminal justice, he said.

“The fact that she had a part-time job working somewhere?” Colangelo said. “It didn’t raise any red flags for me.”

Colangelo said his two chief deputy prosecutors, Kevin Lawlor and John Russotto, participated in Anastasia Diamantis’ job interview and neither opposed the hire.

“The three of us interviewed her,” Colangelo said. “And then I offered her the position. They didn’t say, ‘Don’t hire her.’ So, did they agree? Yes.”

Other than Colangelo, none of those involved in Anastasia Diamantis’ employment agreed to, or could be reached to discuss it. Anastasia Diamantis declined comment through a Division of Criminal justice spokeswoman. Konstantinos Diamantis and Antonietta Roy, a Bristol native like Diamantis and owner of Construction Advocacy Professionals, could not be reached.

State email records show that as Colangelo monitored Anastasia Diamantis’s quick trip through the state employment process he was pressing an aggressive lobbying campaign at the state’s budget officers. The goal, he said, was to correct decades-old budgeting errors that continue to result in unfair salary scales among prosecutors.

Among other things, Colangelo said, assistant state’s attorneys earn more than their bosses, the state’s attorneys, and the imbalance has crippled recruiting efforts. He said there were only three applicants when the powerful position of state’s attorney for New London County opened last year.

Konstantinos Diamantis was among those Colangelo asked for help in resolving the budget problem — while his daughter’s employment application was pending and after. In an email

exchange six months after the hiring, Colangelo disputed salary information Diamantis had received from another state official and followed with what he said last week was a joke about needing to get pay increases for the state’s attorneys so they wouldn’t oppose his approaching reappointment.

“It’s not true,” Colangelo wrote. “What should I do? Might need it to keep them happy so they don’t oppose me at reappointment.”

Last week, Colangelo said in an interview, “I was joking when I said that. It was tongue in cheek. I was trying to get someone’s attention.”

The email records show that the months Colangelo spent pleading with Diamantis and others to resolve his budget problem ultimately failed. The upside-down pay scale remains in effect, and Colangelo is still trying to fix it.

McDonald, as chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission, has been silent on Anastasia Diamantis’s hiring and said the commission will remain so until it hears from Twardy.

The commission was created as a semi-autonomous agency to insulate the criminal justice system from politics by appointing the chief state’s attorney, the three top deputies, and the 13 state’s attorneys. It can discipline state’s attorneys, but can only hire and fire the chief state’s attorney. McDonald said it has no budget and no legal authority over anything outside the division.

“We have limited authority to investigate things within the Division of Criminal Justice and no authority outside that agency,” he said.

If Twardy looks beyond the Division of Criminal Justice, as McDonald believes is the case, it will be toward the state Department of Administrative Services and the Office of Policy and Management. Diamantis, a lawyer and

former state representative from Bristol, worked at both agencies and managed the state program that finances municipal school construction programs. Diamantis went to work for administrative services in 2015, the same year his daughter was hired by Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Four years later, Lamont’s secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, Melissa McCaw, hired Diamantis as her deputy, and he brought the state school construction financing program with him.

The Lamont administration put Diamantis on leave, effectively sacking him, on Oct. 28. In a letter notifying Diamantis, the state personnel office implied that his boss, McCaw, had not been informed in advance.

“This letter is to confirm that effective immediately, you are being placed on an Administrative Leave of Absence (with pay), from your position of Construction Services Director of Project Management, pending the results of an investigation into your alleged misconduct,” the letter said. “Secretary McCaw was informed today of the pending review into your alleged misconduct.”

A statement issued by Lamont’s office the same day did little to clarify the situation.

“The Governor’s Office removed Mr. Diamantis because of a personnel matter that is still under review,” a spokesman said.

Last week, asked about the matter again, the spokesman referred to Twardy’s inquiry into a “personnel matter” and said, “Independent counsel was retained in order to ensure a complete and thorough review, free of any potential claim of partiality. This independent inquiry is ongoing. The Office of the Governor will not have further comment as this is an ongoing review.”

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PLAY3 NIGHT	PLAY4 NIGHT
0 8 4 WB: 7	2 6 6 7 WB: 8

CASH 5
1 11 12 17 20
LUCKY FOR LIFE
9 15 17 21 48 LB: 5
POWERBALL
8 14 33 36 67 PB: 17 PP: 2
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soon as that pause let up, a lot of pent-up demand came out,” Valenti said. “And the cost of money was still cheap.”

Developer Avner Krohn, who has more than 700 new apartments across the region in planning or under construction, suggested that people who are spending more time at home now want more comfortable and stylish accommodations.

Many builders in the region credit municipalities’ greater willingness to offer tax breaks on new construction, and those near the CTRail or CTfastrak lines report that access to mass transit is helping to drive demand there.

The overwhelming majority of communities around Greater Hartford have large-scale projects in the works, and some have several apiece. Among them are these eight:

Avon

Boston-based Beacon Communities plans 176 one- and two-bedroom apartments in the Avon Park South office park. It will remodel the former headquarters of Security Connecticut Life Insurance into 76, and construct a four-story building next door for the other 100. The company anticipates that 140 will be affordably priced, with the rest at market rate.

Berlin

Newport Realty has just installed windows on the first stage of the five-building, mixed-use Steele Center, which will add 76 apartments in town. The \$18 million project is alongside the Amtrak and Hartford Line station, and developers Tony Valenti and Mark Lovley along with state officials describe it as a prime example of transit-oriented development. The one- and two-bedroom apartments will be leased at market rates.

East Hartford

Development partners Brian Zelman and Avner Krohn of Jasko Development plan 360 studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments on the site of the long-closed Showcase Cinemas along Silver Lane near I-84. Rents haven’t been established yet. Contractors this fall began the \$80 million project by demolishing the old multiplex theater.

Farmington

The former Hartford Marriott Farmington is being turned into 224 studios and one- and two-bedroom market rate apartments. A development cooperative led by 15 Farm Springs LP paid \$21.5 million for the property in October. Part of the location’s appeal is that it’s near an I-84 exit as well as Route 6.

New Britain

Developer Avner Krohn of Jasko Development broke ground last year on The Brit, planned as a stylish six-story, 107-unit apartment building in the heart of downtown. Earlier this month, he announced he’ll tear down the aging Amato’s Toy and Hobby building next door to become the site for a twin project. In total, that will add nearly 220 market-rate one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Newington

Texas-based Anthony Properties plans 238 apartments near the CTfastrak Cedar Street station. The four-story building will have studios and one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments.



20 Security Drive in Avon, a largely empty office building that Beacon Communities wants to convert into apartments. **DON STACOM/COURANT**



The first stage of the Steele Center mixed-development project in Berlin is on track to open by midyear. **TONY VALENTI**



Illustrations of a planned apartment complex on the site of the former Showcase Cinemas on Silver Lane. **COURTESY**



Developers are converting the former Hartford Marriott Farmington into 224 apartments. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**



Developer Avner Krohn on the site of The Brit, a \$19 million mixed-use project he’s building in downtown New Britain. **DON STACOM/COURANT**



A vacant site, formerly industrial, in Newington will be redeveloped for more than 200 apartments, including a 310-car garage and swimming pool for residents. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**



Along Route 177 at the Farmington-Plainville line is the site of Willow Brook Estates, a planned 61-unit condo complex for residents 55 and older. **DON STACOM/HARTFORD COURANT**

West Hartford

Lexington Partners LLC has started work on the 292-unit One Park apartment complex at Park Road and Prospect Avenue. Developers plan studios as well as one-, two- and three-bedroom units at the former Sisters of St. Joseph convent.

About 10 percent will be designated as affordable, with 90 percent at market rates. Amenities will include a fitness center, an outdoor pool and electric car charging stations.

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a pastor. They brought the whole congregation with them.” In that crowd were nine other same-sex couples. Willan married them all that day.

Call to ministry

A native of Wadsworth, Ohio, Willan grew up in the Disciples of Christ church.

“As a kid my parents didn’t go to church, but my grandparents did. I went with them, mostly in junior high and high school. I got a call to ministry when I was that young,” she said.

She went to Hiram (Ohio) University, majoring in religion and history, then Vanderbilt Divinity School. After Vanderbilt, she veered away from her calling.

“As a kid I saw only the wonderful side of church. In divinity school, I didn’t find it so perfect and wonderful. That’s how it works when you grow up. I thought, I don’t want to do that,” she said.

She taught religion and history, then pivoted again, getting a master’s in science from Boston University, where she studied



First Church West Hartford. **FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD/COURTESY**

neuroendocrinology. She went to work in a membranes laboratory at Harvard University. She lasted five months in that job.

“I love the idea of science, but I decided I didn’t want to make it my career,” she said.

At that point, the call to ministry came back.

“I ended up thinking this really is where I want to be. I really do love this. I went through the ordina-

tion process in Rhode Island with United Church of Christ,” she said. In 2003, at age 42, she was ordained. After the two parishes in Iowa, she returned to Massachusetts when her husband got a job there. She became a pastor first in Grafton, then Paxton.

Murder mysteries

Now that she’s firmly established

in the ministry, Willan is enjoying a side career as a novelist. She has published three books in the Sister Agatha and Father Selwyn Mystery Series: “The Shadow of Death,” “The Hour of Death” and “Abide With Me.” The books are set in a religious community in Wales, where Sister Agatha, an Anglican nun, is always being drawn into solving suspicious deaths.

“When I started writing, I tried to write some type of dystopian zombie book because they sell so well. But I found that I can’t do it. I like to write a book that ends happily. I write cozy mysteries. Cozies are heartwarming. And yet there is a murder. They are fun. The people in the book have some sort of transformation. Sister Agatha always grows in the stories.”

She also said she likes writing about religious communities.

“You can make fun of the church and point out its problems, but at the same time you can reveal how the church helps the world,” she said.

She is working on a fourth novel, “Widow’s Walk,” which is not a murder mystery.

Writing helps her escape and gives her a different circle of friends.

“It’s nice for a pastor to have friends outside the church. It’s hard because when you’re a pastor, the

church becomes your life,” she said.

New goals

She is ready for First Church to become her life. She said she wants to continue on the positive path that the church already has established. She also has some goals.

“I think every pastor in the world right now wants to rebuild what was put on hold and even lost during COVID, as COVID hopefully begins to end,” she said. “Also I want to do all the regular normal things a pastor wants to do: build up membership, strengthen the financial base, nurture faith formation, strengthen the youth and children’s programs, help the staff meet their goals.”

Willan and her husband, Don Lutz, have rented a townhouse in Bloomfield, where they will live with their Corgi mix Moses and their cat, Winifred. Lutz is an instructional designer at Clark University in Worcester, where he develops online classes. His work is remote.

“We think we will find a home in West Hartford eventually, but housing prices right now are so high,” she said.

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Conservatives slam COVID-19 care

Bias against whites cited amid allocation of scarce treatments

By Todd Richmond
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Some conservatives are taking aim at policies that allow doctors to consider race as a risk factor when allocating scarce COVID-19 treatments, saying the protocols discriminate against white people.

The wave of infections brought on by the omicron variant and a shortage of treatments have focused attention on the policies.

Medical experts say the opposition is misleading.

Health officials have long said there is a strong case for considering race as one of many risk factors in treatment decisions. And there is no evidence that race alone is being used to decide who gets medicine.

The issue came to the forefront last week after Fox News host Tucker Carlson, former President Donald Trump and Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida jumped on the policies. In recent days, conservative law firms have pressured a Missouri-based health care system, Minnesota and Utah to drop their protocols and sued New York state over allocation guidelines or scoring systems that include race as a risk factor.

JP Leider, a senior fellow in the Division of Health Policy and Management at the University of Minnesota who helped develop that state's allocation criteria, noted that prioritization has been going on because there aren't enough treatments to go around.



Registered nurse Shelly Girardin, left, and Dr. Shane Wilson with a COVID-19 patient in Memphis, Mo. JEFF ROBERSON/AP 2020

“You have to pick who comes first,” Leider said. “The problem is we have extremely conclusive evidence that (minorities) across the United States are having worse COVID outcomes compared to white folks. ... Sometimes it's acceptable to consider things like race and ethnicity when making decisions about when resources get allocated at a societal level.”

Considerable evidence suggests that COVID-19 has hit certain racial and ethnic groups harder than whites. Research shows that people of color are at a higher risk of severe illness, are more likely to be hospitalized and are dying younger from

COVID-19.

Data also show that minorities have been missing out on treatments.

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published an analysis of 41 health care systems that found that Black, Asian and Hispanic patients are less likely than whites to receive outpatient antibody treatment.

St. Louis-based SSM Health, which serves patients in Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma and Wisconsin, required patients to score 20 points on a risk calculator to qualify for COVID-19 antibody treatment. Non-whites automatically got seven points.

State health officials in Utah adopted a similar risk calculator that grants people two points if they're not white. Minnesota's health department guidelines automatically assigned two points to minorities. Four points was enough to qualify for treatment.

New York state health officials' guidelines authorize antiviral treatments if patients meet five criteria. One is having “a medical condition or other factors that increase their risk for severe illness.” One of those factors is being a minority, according to the guidelines.

The protocols have become a talking point for Republicans after The Wall

Street Journal ran an op-ed this month complaining that New York's policy is unfair, unjustified and possibly illegal. Carlson jumped on Utah's and Minnesota's policies last week, saying “you win if you're not white.”

Alvin Tillery, a political scientist at Northwestern University, called the issue a winning political strategy for Trump and Republicans looking to motivate their predominantly white base ahead of November's midterm elections.

“It does gin up their people,” Tillery said.

After the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, a conservative law firm in Madison, sent a letter to

SSM Health on Friday demanding that it drop race from its risk calculator, SSM responded that it did so last year as health experts' understanding of COVID-19 evolved.

“While early versions of risk calculators across the nation appropriately included race and gender criteria based on initial outcomes, SSM Health has continued to evaluate and update our protocols weekly to reflect the most up-to-date clinical evidence available,” the company said in a statement.

America First Legal, a conservative-leaning law firm based in Washington, D.C., filed a federal lawsuit Sunday against New York demanding that the state remove race from its allocation criteria. The same firm warned Minnesota and Utah last week that they should drop race from their preference factors or face lawsuits.

Erin Silk, a spokeswoman for New York state's health department, declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Minnesota health officials dropped race from the state's criteria a day or two before receiving America First Legal's demands, Leider said. They said in a statement that they're committed to serving all Minnesotans equitably and are constantly reviewing their policies. The statement did not mention the letter from America First Legal. Leider said the state is now picking treatment recipients through a lottery.

Utah dropped race and ethnicity from its risk score calculator Friday, among other changes, citing new federal guidance and to make sure classifications comply with federal law.

SC Black Dems growing more restless with Biden

President looking to retain base after voting rights failure

By Meg Kinnard
and Tom Foreman Jr.
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Joe Biden's run for the Democratic presidential nomination was all but dead as he headed to the South Carolina primary in February 2020.

He had finished fifth in New Hampshire and fourth in Iowa.

Still, Biden advised skeptics to withhold judgment until a state with a large pool of Black voters, the most reliable Democratic constituency, had a chance to weigh in.

“Too often your loyalty, your commitment, your support for this party has been taken for granted,” he said. “I give you my word as a Biden that I never, ever, ever will.”

Black voters delivered, recasting the Democratic contest and sending Biden on his way to the White House.

Now, one year into his presidency, Biden is hoping he can maintain the support of Black voters, even as his failure to deliver on voting

rights legislation and other issues has left some loyalists dispirited.

Of the many challenges he confronts as he enters his second year, few are as important as retaining the strong backing from his party's base.

Just 6 in 10 Black Americans said they approved of Biden in a recent poll by Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, down from about 9 in 10 who approved in polls conducted through the first six months of Biden's presidency.

“I'm trying to see if there is anything redeeming,” said George Hart, 73, a professor and faculty adviser to the student chapter of the NAACP at Benedict College, a historically Black institution in Columbia. “I'm just so disillusioned.”

“He let so much happen from the time he became president to the time that he actually introduced the measure, it was lost,” said Hart, who supported Biden in South Carolina's primary. “And we are the ones, African Americans, Black voters, who are going to pay the penalties.”

Dennis Brothers, who supported Biden “from the very beginning,” said he felt things were going “pretty

well,” although he is frustrated by Biden not honoring a campaign promise to cancel some student debt.

“I just hope that some of those promises that were made, are kept,” said Brothers, 31, a media specialist from Calhoun County.

In the next three years, Brothers said the administration should be more transparent about its goals, particularly on issues pertinent to Black voters such as a policing overhaul.

“We know that Rome was not built in a day,” Brothers said. “I'm not going to say he's not trying, but I just wish he would try a little bit harder.”

Margaret Sumpter, a rural community advocate from Hopkins, blamed the stagnation of voting rights on congressional gridlock.

“I think that he could push a little harder with Republicans like Mitt Romney and some of the other folks to help him to get this passed,” said Sumpter, 64, who backed billionaire businessman Tom Steyer during South Carolina's primary but then voted for Biden.

“The same thing that they're doing to him, they did it to Barack Obama,” she said. “Why? Do people think Republicans are going



Influential Rep. Jim Clyburn, right, has continued to stand in Joe Biden's corner. Above, Biden at a rally after his state primary victory on Feb. 29, 2020, in Columbia, S.C. MATT ROURKE/AP

to treat him any differently, because he's a white man? No.”

Others are less patient.

Ra Shad Frazier-Gaines co-founded Amplify Action, a nonprofit that focuses on political engagement of Black men, and voted for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in South Carolina's primary. In Frazier-Gaines' view, Biden has talked far more than delivered.

“Black people are the reason Joe Biden is president, and I don't feel ... that there has been one time that he's ever shown us a ‘thank

you' by way of policy,” said Frazier-Gaines. “Yes, his administration has given a lot of talented Black people opportunities to serve in different positions. All of that is cute, but that's not doing anything to put food on the tables of Black families across the country.”

Still, Biden has retained the support of Rep. Jim Clyburn, the third-ranking Democrat in the U.S. House and a powerful figure in South Carolina, especially among Black voters. Rather than fault Biden about voting rights, Clyburn has

focused his criticism on the two Democrats who doomed the legislation — Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona.

Bre Maxwell, a Democratic National Committee member, dismissed the criticism that Biden had been anything but authentic with the state's Black voters.

“I don't think he would have wasted all this time just for it to be lip service,” said Maxwell. “I think he's very genuine, and I think he wants to keep everybody happy.”



Financial planner Ethan Miller says he is looking forward to claiming new income tax deductions. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Taxpayers face hurdles as filing season opens

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Count 30-year-old Ethan Miller among that subset of Americans who are eager to file their taxes once income tax filing season opens Monday.

The financial planner who lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, is looking forward to claiming the new deductions that will come from buying a home. He also wants to get a jump on a tax season that promises to

bring lots of extra headaches and delays for filers this year.

“I'm trying to get a head start on my taxes as much as possible,” Miller said, adding that he is not too nervous about forecasts of extra delays because he will file online and will not be waiting for too big a refund.

Plenty of other filers, though, may be in for more heartburn.

An IRS worker shortage, an enormous workload from administering pandemic-related programs and stalled

legislation that would have given the agency billions of dollars for more expeditiously processing returns will combine to cause taxpayers pain this filing season.

Agency officials are already warning filers that “in many areas, we are unable to deliver the amount of service and enforcement that our taxpayers and tax system deserves and needs,” as IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig put it earlier in the month.

Delays in processing are to be expected as the IRS says it still is working through 2020 tax returns.

Deadlines to file have been extended in the past two years due to the pandemic. It is unclear whether this year the agency will offer similar leeway to taxpayers.

Still, the IRS anticipates that most taxpayers will receive their refund within 21 days of when they file electronically — barring any issues with processing their return.

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Syrian Kurdish fighters take up positions Sunday at Gweiran Prison in Hassakeh, Syria. The fighters, with U.S.-led coalition assistance, have contained the threat. **HOGIR AL ABDO/AP**

Clashes continue near Syria prison holding IS militants

By Sarah El Deeb
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Clashes between U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish fighters and militants continued for a fourth day Sunday near a prison in northeastern Syria that houses thousands of members of the Islamic State group, the Kurdish force said.

The standoff follows an assault by the extremists that breached the premises of Gweiran Prison, allowed an unknown number of militants to escape and killed dozens of U.S.-backed fighters who guard the facility.

The Kurdish-led forces, with assistance from the U.S.-led coalition in the form of surveillance, intelligence and airstrikes, have contained the threat, the coalition said in a statement Sunday.

Several dozen militants remain holed up in one wing of the prison, to the north and in adjacent buildings, from where they have been firing at the Kurdish forces.

A spokesman for the Kurdish forces, Farhad Shami, said the militants

have used hundreds of minors held in the same facility as human shields, preventing a final assault.

More than 3,000 suspected IS militants are believed to be held in Gweiran, the largest facility in Syria housing IS militants, including over 600 under the age of 18.

“While it is militarily defeated, Daesh remains an existential threat to the region,” said Commander of the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve Maj. Gen. John W. Brennan, using the Arabic acronym for IS. “Due to its severely degraded capability, Daesh’s future survival is dependent on its ability to refill its ranks through poorly-conceived attempts” like the Gweiran prison attack.

In their attack, the IS militants had attempted to destroy a more secure facility under construction next to the Gweiran prison, and have seized arms from prison guards before killing them, the coalition added.

The Kurdish forces said militants Sunday staged a new attack on the prison in an attempt to break the security cordon and support inmates still in control of

parts of the prison.

In a statement, the Kurdish-led force, known as the Syrian Democratic Forces, said the attack on the northern section of the prison in the city of Hassakeh was repelled and the militants were chased into a nearby residential area.

Another SDF spokesman Siamand Ali said IS fighters arriving from outside the city also tried to attack the prison and were repelled.

A resident near the prison said warplanes from the U.S.-led coalition flew over the prison earlier Sunday. The resident said the U.S.-backed Kurdish forces were heard calling on IS militants in the prison and in surrounding buildings to turn themselves in.

The militants have taken cover in residential areas surrounding the prison. Hundreds of civilians fled the area for safety.

Ali said 150 to 200 militants are believed holed up in the northern wing of the prison and adjacent residential area.

The attack launched Thursday was the biggest by IS militants since the fall of the group’s “caliphate” in 2019.

A city in pain: NY prepares to honor fallen rookie officer

By Bobby Caina Calvan
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A city reeling from a recent spate of violence prepared to lay to rest a rookie police officer being hailed as an inspiration to his immigrant community, as investigators sought to make sense of a domestic dispute that left another officer “fighting for his life.”

Funeral services for New York City police Officer Jason Rivera were being finalized, as his comrades mourned the loss of the 22-year-old who joined the force to make a difference in what he had described as a “chaotic city.”

A solemn scene unfolded Sunday with a column of uniformed police officers, as well as a line of firefighters, flanking the streets as a hearse carrying the fallen officer left the medical examiner’s office.

Burial is scheduled for Friday, city officials said, while services were to be held Thursday at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

Rivera and Officer Wilbert Mora were shot Friday night while answering a call about an argument between a woman and her adult son. Mora, 27, suffered a serious head wound, police said.

Appearing Sunday on CNN, Mayor Eric Adams stressed the urgency “to deal with the underlying issues that are impacting crime in our city and has become a stain on the inner cities across our country.”

He said his police force would revamp a plain-clothes anti-crime unit aimed at getting guns off the streets. The unit had been disbanded in 2020 over concerns it accounted for a disproportionate number of shootings and complaints.

“The symbol of that soiled coat with red blood is really what we’re talking about here in not only New York City, but across Amer-



A mourner lights a candle at a makeshift memorial Sunday outside a police precinct in New York. **YUKI IWAMURA/AP**

ica,” Adams said.

The medical examiner ruled Rivera’s death a homicide after an autopsy found he died from gunshot wounds to the head and torso.

Mora, who has been with the NYPD for four years, remained in life-threatening condition, Adams said Sunday.

The shooting is the latest in a string of crimes that have unnerved the nation’s most populous city and the country’s largest police force, with 36,000 officers.

In three weeks since Adams took office, a 19-year-old cashier was shot to death as she worked a late-night shift at a Burger King, a woman was pushed to her death in a subway station, and an 11-month-old baby was critically injured when she was hit by a stray bullet as she sat in a parked car with her mother. With the Harlem shooting Friday night, four police officers had been shot in as many days.

The man police say shot them, Lashawn J. McNeil, 47, also was critically wounded and hospitalized, authorities said.

Details about what led to the deadly confrontation were still emerging. Officials said a woman who made an emergency call Friday said she was ill and that her son

who had come to take care of her had become “problematic.” Adams said the woman did not specify the problem.

Police said the gun used in the shooting, a .45-caliber Glock with a high-capacity magazine capable of holding up to 40 extra rounds, had been stolen in Baltimore in 2017.

Adams and Gov. Kathy Hochul both said federal authorities need to do more to round up stolen guns like the one used in the Harlem shooting. Hochul, at an appearance Saturday in Buffalo, called it a “scourge of illegal guns on our streets.”

Rivera joined the force in November 2020.

Growing up in Manhattan’s Inwood neighborhood, he noticed tensions with police, according to a brief essay titled “Why I Became a Police Officer,” a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

In that essay, Rivera wrote about how he was bothered by witnessing his brother being stopped and frisked. But his attitudes changed when he also saw how the department was trying to improve relationships with communities.

“I realized how impactful my role as a police officer would go in this chaotic city,” he wrote.

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Fish Oil Failure Shines a Grim Light on America’s Memory Crisis

America’s top memory M.D. reveals the startling reason why “senior moments” may be caused by fish oil — and the #1 way to fix it fast

More than 16 million Americans suffer age-associated cognitive impairment. And according to nationwide research, these numbers are only rising.

Thankfully, anti-aging specialist and bestselling author, Dr. Al Sears, says there’s an easy way to banish senior moments for good. It’s a safe, natural compound that can grow the brain significantly bigger.



Why the ‘brain fuel’ ingredient in fish oil is slowly drying up.

And unlike failed solutions that promise what they can’t deliver, this one actually works — at least, according to studies from Framingham, and other reputable universities.

But in order for it to work, you must avoid using run-of-the-mill fish oil supplements. “The worst thing you can do for your memory,” explains Dr. Sears, “is to supplement with fish oil.”

Dr. Al Sears, a highly-acclaimed MD — who has published more than 500 studies — says today’s low-grade supermarket fish oil is causing the surge in America’s memory crisis. “These cheap oils are no longer as nutrient-dense as they once were,” he explains.

If you want to get rid of embarrassing senior moments Dr. Sears recommends a different approach.

THE SECRET TO A LASTING MEMORY

Research has shown our paleo ancestors were able to grow bigger and smarter brains by eating foods rich in one ingredient — DHA. “Our hippocampus thrives off DHA, and grows because of it,” explains Dr. Sears. “Without DHA, our brains would shrink, and our memories would quickly fade.”

A groundbreaking study from the University of Alberta confirmed this. Animals given a diet rich in DHA saw a 29% boost in their hippocampus — the part of the brain responsible for learning and memory. As a result, these animals became smarter.

The same was found in human studies, too. After analyzing more than 1,500 seniors, the Framingham study found that those whose brains were deficient in DHA, had significantly smaller brains — a characteristic of accelerated aging and a weakened memory.

“Unfortunately, it’s almost impossible to boost levels of DHA simply by eating more fish or fish oil,” explains Dr. Sears. “DHA in fish oil has plummeted over the years. And it’s being replaced by another compound. One that can cause memory failure and brain fog.”

The ingredient Dr. Sears is referring to is called ALA — a compound found in cheap, grocery store fish oil.

PEOPLE’S BRAINS ARE SHRINKING AND THEY DON’T EVEN KNOW IT

Fish farming has caused DHA levels to plummet and ALA levels to rise, according to Dr. Sears.

“In order to produce DHA,” he explains, “fish need to eat a natural, marine diet, like the one they’d eat in the wild.” Without a marine-rich diet, most fish won’t produce DHA.

Dr. Sears uncovered that sometime during the 1990s, fish farmers stopped giving their animals a natural, DHA-rich diet and began feeding them a diet that was 70% vegetarian.

“It became too expensive for farmers to feed fish what they’d eat in the wild,” explains Dr. Sears. “And since more than 80% of fish oil comes from farms, it’s no wonder the country is experiencing a memory crisis. Most people’s brains are shrinking and they don’t even know it.”

“Since fish farmers are depriving these

animals of their natural diet, ALA levels in fish oil are going up, while DHA levels are being cut in half.

When asked, what can people do to improve their memory and brain function in the most effective way possible? Dr. Sears replied, “Find a quality DHA that doesn’t come from a farmed source. Only this will help improve memory by growing the brain significantly bigger.”

Dr. Sears and his team have been working tirelessly for the last 24-months developing a unique brain-boosting formula called Omega Rejuvenol. It’s made from the most powerful source of DHA in the ocean, squid and krill — two species that cannot be farmed.

According to Dr. Sears, these are the purest and most potent sources of DHA in the world, because they haven’t been tampered with. “Omega Rejuvenol is sourced from the most sustainable fishery in Antarctica. You won’t find this oil in any stores.”

MORE IMPRESSIVE RESULTS

Already, the formula has sold more than 27,000 bottles. And for a good reason, too. Satisfied customers can’t stop raving about the memory-boosting benefits of quality-sourced DHA oil.

“I see a noticeable increase in my brain function. I’m experiencing a noticeable increase in my concentration level and productivity throughout the day,” says satisfied customer, Timothy B.

“It’s great to remember everyone who played in the ‘75 World Series. My memory has never been sharper,” says Mike T.

“After the first time I took it, I experienced mental clarity and focus. I noticed my mental function improve and I could concentrate better and be more productive throughout the day,” raves John F.

And 70-year-old Mark K. says, “My focus and memory are back to age-30 levels.”

These are just a handful of the thousands of reviews Dr. Sears receives on a regular basis thanks to his breakthrough memory formula, Omega Rejuvenol.

WHERE TO FIND OMEGA REJUVENOL

To secure bottles of this brain-booster, buyers should contact the Sears Health Hotline at 800-719-8242 within the next 48 hours. “It takes time to manufacture these bottles,” says Dr. Sears. “The Hotline allows us to ship the product directly to customers who need it most.”

Dr. Sears feels so strongly about this product, he is offering a 100%, money-back guarantee on every order. “Send back any used or unused bottles within 90 days and I’ll rush you a refund,” says Dr. Sears.

The Hotline is taking orders for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will shut off to allow for inventory restocking.

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Russia rejects UK’s intel warning

State Department to families of embassy staff: Leave Ukraine

By Jim Heintz and Jill Lawless
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia’s Foreign Ministry on Sunday rejected a British claim that the Kremlin is seeking to replace Ukraine’s government with a pro-Moscow administration, and that former Ukrainian lawmaker Yevheniy Murayev is a potential candidate.

Britain’s Foreign Office late Saturday also named several other Ukrainian politicians it said had links with Russian intelligence services, along with Murayev who is the leader of a small party that has no seats in Parliament.

Those politicians include Mykola Azarov, a former prime minister under Viktor Yanukovych, the Ukrainian president ousted in a 2014 uprising, and Yanukovych’s former chief of staff, Andriy Kluyev.

“Some of these have contact with Russian intelligence officers currently involved in the planning for an attack on Ukraine,” the Foreign Office said.

Meanwhile, the State Department ordered the families of all American personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine to leave the country amid heightened fears of a Russian invasion.

The department told the dependents of staffers at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv that they must leave the country. It also said that nonessential embassy staff could leave Ukraine at government expense.

State Department officials stressed the embassy will remain open and that the announcement does not constitute an evacuation. The move had been under consideration for some time and does not reflect an easing of U.S. support for



Members of Ukraine’s Territorial Defense Forces, volunteer military units of the Armed Forces, train in a city park in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Saturday. Dozens of civilians have been joining Ukraine’s army reserves in recent weeks amid fears about Russian invasion. EFREMLUKATSKY/AP

Ukraine, the officials said.

Earlier, Murayev said via Skype that the British claim “looks ridiculous and funny” and that he has been denied entry to Russia since 2018 on the grounds of being a threat to Russian security. He said that sanction was imposed in the wake of a conflict with Viktor Medvedchuk, Ukraine’s most prominent pro-Russia politician and a friend of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Murayev’s Nashi party is regarded as sympathetic to Russia, but Murayev on Sunday pushed back on characterizing it as pro-Russia.

“The time of pro-Western and pro-Russian politicians in Ukraine is gone forever,” he said in a Facebook post.

He also said he supports Ukraine having neutral status and believes that “striving for NATO is tanta-

mount to continuing the war.”

Ukrainian forces and Russia-backed separatists have been fighting in the country’s east since 2014, a conflict that has killed more than 14,000.

Ukrainian political analyst Volodymyr Fesenko described Murayev as a significant figure in Ukraine’s pro-Russia camp, but added: “Murayev is a second-place player. I don’t think Murayev has direct connections in the Kremlin.”

The U.K. government made the claim based on an intelligence assessment — and without providing evidence. It comes amid tensions between Moscow and the West over Russia’s designs on Ukraine and each side increasing accusations that the other is planning provocations.

“The disinformation spread by the British Foreign Office is more evidence that it is the NATO countries, led by the Anglo-Saxons, who are escalating tensions around Ukraine,” Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on the Telegram messaging app Sunday. “We call on the British Foreign Office to stop provocative activities, stop spreading nonsense.”

British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said the information “shines a light on the extent of Russian activity designed to subvert Ukraine, and is an insight into Kremlin thinking.”

Mark Galeotti, who has written extensively on Russian security services, said: “I can’t help but be skeptical” about the British claim.

“This is one of those situations where it is hard to know whether what we’re facing is a genuine threat, a misunderstanding of the inevitable overtures that were being made to various Ukrainian figures by Russians or ‘strategic communication’ — which is what we call propaganda these days when we’re doing it,” said Galeotti, an honorary professor of Slavonic and East European Studies at University College in London.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said he could not comment specifically about the British claim, but “we’ve been warning about just this kind of tactic for weeks.”

“This is very much part of the Russian toolkit,” he said on CNN. “It runs the gamut from a large, conven-

tional incursion or invasion of Ukraine to these kinds of destabilizing activities in an attempt to topple the government. And it’s important that people be on notice about that.”

The U.K. government’s decision to release the thinking of British spies, though not the evidence behind it, comes as Prime Minister Boris Johnson is distracted by a leadership crisis over lockdown-breaching parties by his staff during the pandemic.

The U.S. has mounted an aggressive campaign in recent months to unify its European allies against a new Russian invasion of Ukraine. The White House called the U.K. government assessment “deeply concerning” and said it stands with the duly elected Ukrainian government.

NEWS BRIEFING

Talks with Taliban in Norway raise debate around recognition

From news services

OSLO, Norway — A Taliban delegation led by acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi on Sunday started three days of talks in Oslo with Western officials and Afghan civil society representatives amid a deteriorating humanitarian situation in Afghanistan.

The closed-door meetings mark the first time since the Taliban took over in August that their representatives have held official meetings in Europe.

The talks were not without controversy, however, reigniting the debate over whether they legitimize the Taliban government, especially since they were being held in Norway, a NATO country involved in Afghanistan from 2001 until the Taliban take over last summer.

Taliban delegate Shafullah Azam said the meetings with Western officials were “a step to legitimize (the) Afghan government,” adding that “this type of invitation and communication will help (the) European community, (the) U.S. or many other countries to erase the wrong picture of the Afghan government.”

Earlier, Norwegian Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt stressed that the talks were “not a legitimization or recognition of the Taliban.”

On Sunday, 200 protesters gathered on an icy square in front of the Norwegian Foreign Ministry in Oslo to condemn the meetings with the Taliban, which has not received diplomatic recognition from any foreign government.

Starting Monday, Taliban representatives will meet with delegations from Western nations and will be certain to press their demand that nearly \$10 billion frozen by the United

States and other Western countries be released as Afghanistan faces a precarious humanitarian situation.

“We are requesting them to unfreeze Afghan assets and not punish ordinary Afghans because of the political discourse,” Azam said. “Because of the starvation, because of the deadly winter, I think it’s time for the international community to support Afghans, not punish them because of their political disputes.”

A U.S. delegation, led by Special Representative for Afghanistan Tom West, plans to discuss “the formation of a representative political system; responses to the urgent humanitarian and economic crises; security and counterterrorism concerns; and human rights, especially education for girls and women,” according to a statement released by the U.S. State Department.

Airstrike in Yemen: Workers in war-racked Yemen recovered five more bodies from the rubble of a prison facility hit by a Saudi-led coalition airstrike, bringing the death toll to at least 87, an international aid group said Sunday.

Ahmed Mahat, head of the Doctors Without Borders mission in Yemen, said rescuers ended search efforts late Saturday at the site of the prison in Yemen’s northern province of Saada.

Mahat said 266 people were wounded in the airstrike.

Yemen’s conflict began in 2014, when the Iranian-backed Houthis took the capital, Sanaa, and much of northern Yemen, forcing the government to flee to the south, then to exile in Saudi Arabia. The Saudi-led coalition, backed at the time by the U.S., entered the war months later to try restoring the government to power.



Buddhist monks pray next to the coffin of Thich Nhat Hanh on Sunday in Hue, Vietnam. Nhat Hanh, an influential spiritual leader who died Saturday at 95, helped spread the practice of mindfulness in the West and socially engaged Buddhism in the East. His body will be displayed this week at the temple before his cremation scheduled for Saturday. LINHPHAM/GETTY

Late Sunday, a Houthi ballistic missile landed in an industrial area in Jazan, Saudi Arabia, slightly wounding one person, the Saudi-led coalition said, according to the state-run news agency.

Burkina Faso uprising: Gunfire rang out late Sunday near the home of Burkina Faso’s embattled President Roch Marc Christian Kabore, raising the specter that a military coup might still be under way after mutinous soldiers seized a military base earlier in the day. Government officials had sought to reassure people that the situation was under control even as shots rang out for hours at the army base.

It was not immediately known whether Kabore was at home.

A mutinous soldier also told The Associated Press by phone that heavy fighting was under way near the presidential palace, a claim that could not immediately

be independently corroborated.

Sunday’s mutiny came one day after the latest public demonstration calling for Kabore’s resignation as anger has mounted over the government’s handling of the Islamic insurgency.

Anti-government protesters lent public support to the mutinous soldiers, prompting security forces to use tear gas to disperse crowds in the capital.

Deadly fire in Cameroon: A fire erupted at a popular nightclub in Cameroon’s capital city of Yaounde, setting off explosions that killed at least 17 people and seriously injured seven others, government officials said Sunday.

The tragedy occurred as the central African country hosts thousands of soccer players, fans and officials from across the continent for the month-long African Cup of Nations soccer tournament.

It was not immediately

clear what had sparked the fire at Liv’s Nightclub Yaouba.

Workers there initially said it was caused by a short-circuit. However, a government statement later Sunday suggested that fireworks had ignited the building’s roof, and then the fire spread to areas where cooking gas was stored.

The spokesman said authorities were still trying to determine the names and nationalities of the dead and injured.

Calif. mass shooting: Four people were killed and one was wounded when multiple shooters opened fire at a house party near Los Angeles early Sunday, authorities said.

Police responded around 1:30 a.m. to reports of shots fired at a home in the city of Inglewood, Mayor James Butts told reporters.

Two women and two men were shot and killed and another man was hospitalized in critical condition,

a local television station reported.

Butts called the shooting an “ambush” involving multiple weapons including a rifle and a handgun. Authorities are searching for multiple suspects, he said.

Gas prices inch up: The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline is up a penny over the past two weeks, to \$3.40 per gallon.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey said Sunday that prices at the pump could continue to rise because crude oil costs have increased.

The average gas price is 95 cents higher than it was one year ago.

Nationwide, the highest average price for regular-grade gas is in the San Francisco Bay Area, at \$4.74 per gallon. The lowest average is in Houston, at \$2.86 per gallon.

According to the survey, the average price of diesel is \$3.70 a gallon, up 6 cents.

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OP-ED

Why you need to visit your local movie theater

By Yvonna Rodriguez

Picture this: You're sitting in a seat at your local movie theater gripping an empty bucket of popcorn as you watch Luke Skywalker make the shot that destroys the Death Star. Everyone around you gasps in unison before clapping to cheer on Luke. You can feel the excitement as the theater goes miraculously silent as patrons refocus onto the screen.

Before you know it, the lights turn on and the credits begin to roll. You just finished watching "Star Wars: A New Hope" and you are in awe of everything around you. This feeling is what many people would call the magic of the movies.

The movies are so much more than a dark room with a giant screen. It's the idea of being with a group of people and sharing the same experience and connections. The

movies inspire and have the power to make us feel real raw emotions, whether that be happiness, sadness or hope. Going to the movies is truly an experience unlike any other, but this experience is one that we could potentially lose forever.

With the release of movies directly onto streaming services, fewer people have felt the need to go to the theaters to watch a movie. But it makes sense. Why pay \$15 to see one movie when you can watch thousands of movies for \$10 a month?

But this convenience is killing movie theaters. According to the New York Times, 49% of prepandemic moviegoers are no longer watching films in theaters. That means theaters are no longer making as much money as they did before, putting them in danger of closing.

Fans are not ready to lose the movies and have proved with the recent release of

"Spider-Man: No Way Home" that when the only way to watch a film is in theaters, people will come. In its opening weekend, this film made \$260 million in North America, which is the second biggest box office debut in history, all amid fear of the omicron variant.

The thing is, a lot of recent movies are not released just to movie theaters, and that's where the issue comes in. When given the choice, most people are combining fear of the COVID-19 pandemic with convenience and are avoiding movie theaters more than ever.

Even after putting safety measures in place, movie theaters are fighting to stay open. A lot of people have the mindset that after the COVID-19 pandemic is over, things will return to the way they were before. But the thing most people don't realize is that if we don't go to the movies

now, there won't be movie theaters to go to when the pandemic is over.

So take the leap and walk into your local movie theater with a bucket of popcorn in hand. Allow yourself to feel the anticipation in the room as everyone slowly fills the theater ready to watch the newest film. There's nothing that compares to watching a movie on the big screen. Don't deprive yourself of it.

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Chris Davis' last days were very painful despite the pain medication he received, said his wife, Amanda Villegas, above. **AMANDA VILLEGAS/TNS**

OP-ED

Enhancing dignity in death with MAID

By George F. Will
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Although Amanda Villegas's manual dexterity is hindered by her mild case of cerebral palsy, she is a gifted photographer who documented the last five days of her husband's life with bladder cancer that metastasized. She has posted the photos on Google Drive, under "This is Cancer." Steel yourself before viewing them. But view them. They ground in reality the increasingly urgent debate about medical aid in dying (MAID).

Chris was 29 when he died at home on June 19, 2019, just a week after doctors belatedly gave him a terminal prognosis. The tragedy of his disease had been compounded by multiple misdiagnoses. The unnecessary horrors of his final days were the result of a hospital's misinformation — perhaps religiously motivated mendacity — and a restrictive provision of a California law that has been liberalized, effective Jan. 1, 2022.

Speaking recently by phone from California, Amanda said that Chris, who was skeletal at the end, was so drenched in pain that "he would cringe and scream if anyone touched or moved his bed." He had been told two falsehoods, that MAID is illegal in

California, then that it is legal only in Northern California. While he had the strength, he repeatedly screamed "please let me go." He died with tubes draining fluids from his stomach, kidneys and chest.

California's MAID law, as enacted in 2015, allows mentally capable adults, with a medical diagnosis of less than six months to live, the option of receiving prescription medication that enables them to die in their sleep. Until amended last year, the law's eligibility process could take weeks, even months. It included a 15-day waiting period between two oral requests for the medication — a delay that put a peaceful end beyond Chris's reach.

One-third of those beginning the eligibility process died before completing it. Beginning this year, the waiting period has been reduced to 48 hours, and hospitals and hospices will be required to post their MAID policies on their websites. (New Mexico adopted similar legislation last year.)

The Economist magazine, true to its classical liberal tradition, recently praised "the welcome spread of assisted dying" for advancing a "basic freedom" that is now "legal in one form or another in a dozen countries."

Worldwide, MAID is generating useful

data. A British study found that doctors tend to overestimate — by 500% — how long terminal patients will live, often to give those suffering illusory hope. In Oregon, which has had MAID since 1997, a third of those who receive end-of-life medication do not take it but derive comfort from having it at hand. In the 25 years since Oregon became the first state to legalize MAID, only 4,209 people nationwide have used it to assert their autonomy in ending their lives on their terms. Ninety percent died where most Americans say they want to die: at home, often with loved ones.

Kim Callinan, president and CEO of Compassion & Choices, which advocates for MAID, says it "creates a shift within our end-of-life care system from a paternalistic model to one that is resoundingly patient-driven." Her organization says that "over the past six years, 30 national and state medical and professional associations have endorsed or dropped their opposition to" MAID.

Skeptics understandably warn about a slippery slope: Persons worried about becoming burdens on their families might find the MAID option coming to imply an obligation. So, a doctor mentioning it might inadvertently be experienced as coercive. If MAID is justified by fear of severe pain culminating in death in less than six

months, what about informed choices by mentally sound persons gripped by advancing dementia? Or the psychological afflictions of, say, persons deeply weary of life. Are such persons mentally capable?

Crucially, MAID is for those who are already dying and want help — for preventing a hideous death, not for truncating an unhappy life. MAID — the medical management of a natural process — should be considered a supplement to hospice (palliative) care.

Life is lived on a slippery slope: Taxation can become confiscation; police can become instruments of tyranny; laws can metastasize suffocatingly. However, taxation, police and laws are indispensable. The challenge is to minimize dangers that cannot be entirely eliminated from society.

In percentage terms, Americans 85 and older are the nation's most rapidly growing age cohort. Medical marvels extend, and enhance the quality of, life — up to a point. MAID, enveloped in proper protocols, can and should be a dignity-enhancing response to especially harrowing rendezvous with the inevitable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plenty of holes in Stefanowski's op-ed

In between articles on U.S. intelligence documents failing to forecast the Capitol riot and Chris Hemsworth's energy-boosting smoothies, The Courant treated us to another Bob Stefanowski op-ed on three ideas for making Connecticut more affordable [Opinion, Page 2, Jan. 9, "3 ideas to make Connecticut more affordable"]. The piece turned out to be its own bland smoothie of tired ideas that depicts something very troubling. Anyone seeking the highest office in this state, which everyone suspects Stefanowski will try to do, can't roll into office on such a bald set of tires.

Zero-based budgeting? Milton Friedman? Sigh.

The op-ed goes on as though this were four or eight or 12 years ago.

Never mentioned is the pandemic and what a state leader would need to do to foster steady recovery for everyone and prevent further disease from holding back prosperity.

Never mentioned is how deeply polarized a state and nation we have and where he stands on healing the rift or whether it needs to be healed.

To me, this op-ed reveals a person with ideas that have no traction, who has no interest in facing and meeting the real challenges of the times.

Martin W. Anderson, Durham

Letter-writer way off base

I write regarding John Carey's outlandish response [Letter to the editor, Jan. 10] to The Hartford Courant's coverage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the potential for Democrats to change the filibuster rules so that it can pass the Senate [Page 4, Jan. 4, "Schumer says Senate to vote on filibuster rules changes"]. Mr. Carey is absolutely wrong contending this is another political power play by Democrats. When states deny citizens participation in our democracy by limiting and even suppressing voting rights, then it is absolutely necessary for the federal government to step in and ensure disenfranchisement does not occur. To date, 19 states have passed laws

making it harder to vote.

The John Lewis Voting Rights Act must see the light of day as successful legislation, and the filibuster must not get in its way of passing. This critical measure will restore key provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It will make it difficult, if not impossible, for states to restrict the franchise, based on certain accountabilities at the federal level. It will also protect voting rights expressed in the 14th, 19th 24th and 26th Amendments to the Constitution. Mr. Carey should consider a more nonpartisan look at the right to vote in our country. In so doing, he might come to realize how essential participation is over power in our political system.

Deborah Ducoff-Barone, West Hartford

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

- Berlin**
Ralph J. Palardy
- Hartford**
Concetta P. Mantello
- Manchester**
Ethan D. Logan
- Plainville**
Ralph J. Palardy
- Wethersfield**
Ethan D. Logan
- OUT OF STATE**
Concetta P. Mantello
Cherry Hill, NJ

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Logan, Ethan D.



Ethan Douglas Logan, 34, of Manchester, CT died suddenly January 17, 2022. Born on December 14, 1987, Ethan was the son of Joshua and Karen Logan. He attended Manchester High School and graduated from the Golf Academy of America with an Associate's Degree in Golf Course Management in 2014. Following graduation, he worked as a Golf Pro at several Orlando area golf courses until 2016, when he moved back to Manchester. He was currently employed at Data Systems, Inc. as a mechanic. Ethan was never happier than when he was on the golf course. He also enjoyed snowboarding, role playing games, and online gaming. He was a kind, funny and generous soul who will be missed deeply by those he loved.

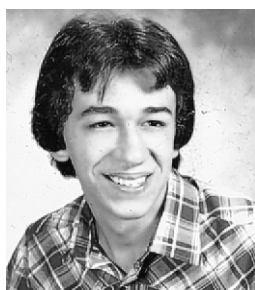
Ethan was pre-deceased by his maternal grandparents, Frederick and Laura Stonefoot, of Fredonia, NY. He is survived by his parents, Joshua and Karen Logan, of Manchester, CT; his big brother John, of Enfield, CT; his paternal grandparents, Jack and Billye Logan, of Wethersfield, CT; his aunt Rianna Moore, of Fredonia, NY; his aunt Farrell Jednak, of Wethersfield, CT; his uncle David and Marlo (Gavitt) Logan, of Arlington, VA; his uncle Daniel and Jennifer (Conolley) Logan, of Wethersfield, CT, as well as many cousins and close friends.

He was a beloved "Uncle Elo" to his nephews and niece, John J., Haley M., and Garrett L. Logan, of Enfield, CT who were the delight of his life for the past 11 years. Memorial donations may be made to the Logan children education 529 fund at: Go to Ugifts29.com . Enter the Ugift code: Q78-L43. Enter your name and the amount of your gift. Make your gift via electronic funds transfer or check.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later time at the discretion of the family.

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Palardy, Ralph J.



Ralph J. Palardy, 56, of Berlin, passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 unexpectedly at home. Born in New Britain, he was a former Plainville resident before moving to Berlin in 1980. Ralph was formerly employed at The Hartford. Surviving are his parents, Louis and Camellia (Barone) Palardy of Berlin; two brothers, Phillip Palardy of Middletown and Louis Palardy Jr. of Berlin; and two nephews, Logan Palardy and Justin Palardy. Services will be private. Burial will be in Maple Cemetery. Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory of Ralph in the online guest book @ www.ericksonhansen-berlin.com

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Mantello, Concetta Pauline (Patti)



Pauline was born January 25, 1931, in New York City, NY. She lived in Licodea Eubea Sicily, Brooklyn NY, Hartford CT, and recently Cherry Hill NJ. Early in her career, Concetta was a seamstress, dressmaker, and for over 40 years, ran a loving daycare. Her daycare families meant the world to her, and it was her pleasure to watch the kids grow. She had a huge passion for cooking and entertaining family and friends at her famous holiday parties. Until the very end, Concetta's family was the most important thing in her life, and she will be deeply missed. Concetta passed away peacefully in the presence of God on January 15, 2022. She was predeceased by her parents Giuseppe and Carmella Patti, and her loving husband Angelo V. Mantello. She is survived by her daughter Linda Harrison and husband Robert, and her daughter Laura Marchetti and son-in-law Jeffrey Marchetti. She leaves behind three grandchildren Kody Harrison and Paul Harrison and their partners, Matthew and Mallory Marchetti, and expected great granddaughter Gemma. She also leaves behind Diana and Gregory Tortora and family, along with Joseph and Tina Patti. She is lovingly remembered by many extended family and friends whom she loved dearly. Services will be arranged at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Hospital. www.DignityMemorial.com

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IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory Of
PINCHAS KUPPERMAN



11/19/1930-12/31/2021

Pinchas Kupperman, 91, of West Hartford, CT passed away on December 31, 2021. He was born in Mandatory Palestine in 1930 and grew up in Kiryat Haim, a neighborhood of Haifa, Israel. In his late teenage years, he served in the War of Independence and continued his military service for the next several years. He subsequently met his wife, Aviva, with whom he spent 46 years until her passing in 2002. After their marriage, he built a house for them with his own hands in the backyard of his parent's small property. The house stands to this day and his younger brother now lives in it. Pinchas and Aviva lived in Israel for about ten years before moving to Connecticut, where he joined a metal forging company and worked there until his retirement.

As an avid reader, he taught himself physics, mechanical engineering, and carpentry—subjects which he enthusiastically applied to his career and hobbies. Some of his favorite personal works include an early desktop computer, a clock made entirely of wood—including the gears—and a magnificent rocking chair. Throughout his life, he was known as the best mechanic in town by his friends and family, regularly receiving requests to help fix everything from appliances to cars. He was a true renaissance man who also taught himself how to ski, windsurf, and sail. He loved to travel and would spend his weekends exploring Israel and the U.S.

He is survived by his children, Rachel Rosen, Orit Jenkins, and David; his sons-in-law, Yossi and Ian; his daughter-in-law, Jin; his brother, Chaim; his sister-in-law, Varda; his seven grandchildren, Jonathan, Elisabeth, AJ, Tommy, Avi, Sarah, and Jacob; his partner of 18 years, Tamar; Tamar's daughter, son, daughter-in-law and her eight grandchildren.

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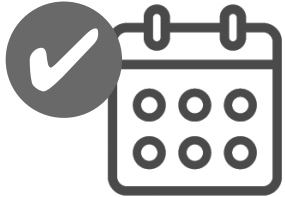
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State launches charging station push

Two biggest utilities commit more than \$90M for broad expansion to power electric vehicles

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is embarking on a broad build-out of electric vehicle charging stations, joined by the state's two largest utilities committing more than \$90 million. The state Public Utilities Regulatory Authority on Jan. 1 launched the nine-year program as part of its grid modernization initiative that includes electric storage, metering, affordability and other programs.

Chargers are to be installed at homes, apartment and condominium communities, workplaces and destinations such as hotels. In a push to reduce and eventually end tailpipe emissions — a leading cause of carbon pollution that may contribute to rising temperatures — Connecticut joined nine other states in 2013 to support 3.3 million electric vehicles by 2025. For Connecticut, the number of electric vehicles is expected to climb to as many as

150,000 by 2025, up from 21,382 now, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles. It's a nearly nine-fold increase in just three years, but companies moving into the electric vehicle charging business will contribute. Rep. David Arconti, House chairman of the legislature's Energy and Technology Committee, said the initiative by Connecticut regulators is intended to support up to half the 150,000 electric vehicles and the other half "will be filled by the private sector (ideally)." If Connecticut is unable to reach

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An electric car operated by the city of Middletown charges in a municipal lot near City Hall. On Jan. 1, the state launched a broad build-out of electric vehicle charging stations. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT



The Glastonbury location of Gyro Love has a second restaurant inside the building, Pizza Pie, which serves pizzas, flatbreads, wings and salads. SUSAN DUNNE PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Greek, Italian under one roof

Gyro Love, Pizza Pie expand to Glastonbury

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Gyro Love, a fast-casual chain of Greek-inspired restaurants in Connecticut, has opened its fifth location, this one at 2941 Main St. in Glastonbury. The restaurants serve American-Mediterranean fusion food. The Glastonbury, Southington and Cromwell locations have a second restaurant inside the building called Pizza Pie, which serves pizzas, flatbreads, wings and salads. The other locations are in Bristol and Newington. William Mutraji of Farmington founded both chains in 2019 with the opening of the Cromwell location.

"They're two separate businesses, two brands. I thought it was a good idea, something for everyone, like a mall. If the kids want pizza and the parents want Greek food or a healthy salad, it will make them all happy," he said. "It's not Greek pizza, it's Italian." The kitchens are separate. Mutraji said the Gyro Love recipes are traditional Mediterranean — gathered from his travels to Greece, Lebanon and Turkey — but with adaptations to make them more attractive to American palates. Gyro Love serves gyro sandwiches with shrimp, falafel or the house gyro meat (beef and lamb); hummus;

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William Mutraji, of Farmington, opened his fifth location of Gyro Love in early January. He hopes to expand with six to 10 more stores in Connecticut by the end of 2022.

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Faculty call for stricter measures

Community college staff decry 'insufficient' safety guidelines

By Adria Watson
CTmirror.org

On the day before the start of the spring semester, community college faculty from around the state called for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities governing board to implement stricter COVID-19 safety standards as they return to campuses in person. During the recent news conference, faculty asked for the CSCU administration to distribute more N95 masks to students and employees at the colleges, ensure social distancing is enforced, improve telework accommodations, allow faculty to move classes fully online for the first two weeks of the semester and require proof of vaccination for all students and faculty. "Community college faculty and staff are frustrated at the inconsistent and insufficient safety and security measures being taken in our community colleges," said Seth Freeman, a professor at Capital Community College. "We are angered that by not meeting with faculty and staff, and only pushing in-person learning and in-person services, managers have ignored and continued to ignore the health and safety of vulnerable staff members and others in our community." Faculty members stressed the need for there to be "reasonable teleworking accommodations" as they or their family members might have medical conditions that require extensive care, adding that some of their students are choosing to be virtual to protect themselves. Linda Stango, director of workforce transitions at Naugatuck Valley Community College, said she has had to ask multiple

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Stage drama 'Sweat' paired with talks of power, poverty

Guest speakers to lead discussion on issues in Capital Classics event

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

West Hartford's Capital Classics — the troupe that brings you the outdoor Greater Hartford Shakespeare Festival every summer — likes to take on modern plays and current social issues as well. For one weekend, Jan. 27-30, the company is staging the Pulitzer-winning Lynn Nottage drama "Sweat," about steelworkers in Pennsylvania who must struggle with layoffs, substance abuse, racism and other problems. A lot of the non-Shakespeare shows that Capital Classics does are readings or Golden Age of Radio-style shows with



Geoffrey Sheehan is director of the drama "Sweat" for Capital Classics' new Contemporary Classics Conversations series. CAPITAL CLASSICS

purposely low production values. By contrast, "Sweat" director Geoffrey Sheehan says this show is "a full production, with a full cast, costumes and lights." It's the

first installment of a new series the company has created called Contemporary Classics Conversations. Besides the full-length play, there are guest "conversation leaders" from local colleges and law firms who will discuss the key themes of "power and poverty" in Nottage's play. "Each night the conversation is different," Sheehan says. "We're using the play as a springboard for important conversations." The "power and poverty" conversation leaders include: ■ Sheehan, the "Sweat" play's director, a co-founder of Capital Classics, and the professor and program coordinator of theater at Housatonic Community College, kicking the series off on Jan. 27 by talking about theater as community activism.

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Fairfield man charged after skirmish over son's allergic reaction

Father allegedly yelled expletives, threw drink at Robeks employee

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

The Fairfield Police Department arrested a local man accused of yelling and throwing things at employees of Robeks after his son was hospitalized for an allergic reaction to a drink purchased there. The police charged James Iannazzo, 48, of Fairfield with intimidation based on bigotry or bias, breach of peace and criminal trespass after employees of the smoothie franchise on 2061 Black Rock Turnpike complained on Saturday afternoon that he was throwing things, yelling at them and refusing to leave.

A video of the incident was posted on YouTube and TikTok. A police spokesman said the department investigation showed that Iannazzo bought a smoothie at about 1 p.m. and left without incident. About a half hour later, Iannazzo called 911 and reported that a child at his home was suffering an allergic reaction. The child, Iannazzo's son, was taken to an area hospital by ambulance, police said. "A short time later, Iannazzo returned to Robeks and confronted employees, yelling at them and demanding to know who had made the smoothie that contained peanuts, causing his child's allergic reaction," a statement from police said. "When employees could not provide Iannazzo with the answer, he

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its goal, the General Assembly could authorize PURA to hire a third party to administer programs, said Arconti, a Danbury Democrat.

Chairwoman Marissa Gillett said PURA is supporting the agreement with the states rather than promoting electric vehicle use.

“It’s not my role or PURA’s role to cause the proliferation of electric vehicles,” she said.

Connecticut must get out ahead of increasingly popular electric vehicles and scale up the installation of charging stations to avoid “havoc on the grid”

that could result from wide-scale electrification, Gillett said.

“This is about planning,” she said.

To ease potential burdens on the grid, PURA developed policies that call for “managed charging” that provides for different prices for charging electric vehicles at various times of the day.

Eversource Energy has proposed to spend \$73.6 million in the first three years of the program, and United Illuminating set an \$18 million budget. The money, which the utilities can seek to reclaim in PURA proceedings, would be offered as customer incentives for chargers and managed charging programs.

The cost to install a charging station varies depending on the charger and the extent of electrical work. Typically, a charger will cost \$500 to \$700, according to PURA. Installation can cost between \$500 and \$1,200.

The utilities may offer customers incentives of \$500 each for chargers, wiring upgrades and telematics, or the transmission of computerized information. Incentives of \$100 also are available.

PURA will evaluate the program every three years. Reducing and eventually ending carbon emissions from vehicles is a top priority to counter climate change. Transportation accounted for 29% of greenhouse gas emissions in 2019, accord-

ing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Connecticut has a spotty record on clean transportation policies. The General Assembly has rejected numerous attempts to allow Tesla and other electric vehicle manufacturers to sell directly to the consumer and bypass dealerships.

And Gov. Ned Lamont and legislative leaders balked last year at approving a regional transportation plan to reduce emissions while raising money for low- or zero-carbon initiatives. Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker dropped out of the multi-state program days later.

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times if she could telework so that she can take care of her mother, who was diagnosed with a terminal illness, but has yet to get a response.

“Our role here is to protect and to make sure that our students are safe, our faculty are safe, our administration, our staff, it’s everyone, everyone in the institution,” said Dennis Bogusky, president of the Federation of Technical College Teachers and a professor at Norwalk Community College. “But it’s beyond the institution. Each of these people go home to a family, and we’re looking to keep their families safe as well by keeping them safe and not allowing these germs and this virus to be brought back in.”

Earlier this month, the CSCU system leaders announced that the spring 2022 semester will start as originally scheduled, a strategy that differed from that of many other colleges and universities around the state.

“The decision to begin our semester on time was made with campus leaders in close consultation with public health partners and is responsive to our students, who have consistently requested that we do everything possible to offer in-person learning opportunities,” said Leigh Appleby, CSCU spokesperson, in an email.

The announcement stated that safety measures such as wearing masks while indoors on campuses and COVID-19 vaccine requirements were to remain in place upon their return, but community college employees said they want to see stricter enforcement of the vaccine requirement.

At the community colleges, faculty and students attending courses in person are required to fill out a form that asks them about their vaccination status and if they would like to request a medical or non-medical exemption.

This differs from the standards in place at the state

universities, where students and faculty have to upload their vaccination cards for the university health service department to review and confirm.

Community college faculty said only attesting to vaccination status is not sufficient, and they want members of their campus communities to submit proof as well.

“I’m just surprised, shocked and heartbroken that we are having this conversation about 22 months out and [over 9,000] deaths in our state where people, the workers and the faculty, are asking for themselves and for their students for the common sense thing that we have been at the state asking for every single day, people to get vaccinated ... and you should have proof of your vaccination,” said Sen. Saud Anwar, D-South Windsor, during the recent press conference.

Appleby said in an email that the community colleges have a system that protects student data and prioritizes accessibility. He added that the residential nature of the state universities makes a difference.

“Different institutions have different needs,” he said. “As such, the systems we have implemented meet the unique needs of each school. It has worked well in keeping our campuses safe for the past year.”

Appleby also explained that community colleges are operating with 20%-47% of their classes in person this spring, which “helps to limit the onsite population.” He added that the state universities are operating with nearly 100% of their classes and services on ground and have nearly 8,000 students living on campus.

“Our students have made abundantly clear that they need in-person options, and we have proven over the past three semesters — in which we have seen virtually zero spread in academic settings — that we can do so safely,” he said. “We look forward to a safe and productive semester.”



Stuffed grape leaves, gyro sandwiches, Greek fries, falafel and baklava at Gyro Love. SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT

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stuffed grape leaves; and salads.

The shop also sells gyro bowls. Each offers a base of skin-on French fries, rice or salad; a protein of chicken, shrimp, falafel or the house gyro meat; and a side of hummus, eggplant hummus or tzatziki. Baklava is sold for dessert.

One standout on the menu is the Greek fries, a huge portion of skin-on French fries with feta, oregano and olive oil and drizzled with lemon, so cheesy it must be

eaten with a fork.

“It sounds weird, lemon on fries, but it tastes good,” he said.

The other four locations also sell chicken, gyro meat or lamb chop platters; crostini; gyro meat pizza; baked feta with sliced bread; tapas platters; veggie platters; the “grill mix” with a variety of proteins; and a two-people combo with a combination of meats and appetizers.

Mutraji said after the Glastonbury staff gets up to speed with the rhythm of the restaurant and the computer systems, he will add those dishes to the menu there.

The new store, which

had its soft opening Jan. 7 and will host a grand opening in the spring, has tables and chairs but is primarily geared toward takeout. Ordering can be done online, in kiosks in the store and at the store’s counter. Everything is served in takeout containers even for those who want to eat in.

Mutraji said that if all goes well and the supply-chain slowdowns — which delayed the opening of the Glastonbury location by about three months — ease up, he hopes to open six to 10 more Gyro Loves around the state by the end of the year.

“So far it is going really

well,” Mutraji said. “The customers are really coming out.”

All of the stores are open Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

The other stores’ addresses are 751 Terryville Ave. in Bristol; 136 Berlin Road in Cromwell; 832 Queen St. in Southington; and 337 Willard Ave. in Newington.

More information at gyro.love and woodfired-pizzapie.com.

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■ Tiana Victoria Hercules, criminal defense attorney for the Sills law firm and the Connecticut Public Defender’s Office and antigun violence activist, as well as a new Hartford City Council member. On Jan. 28, she will focus on economic development and social justice.

■ Saulo Colón, associate professor of sociology at Housatonic Community College, discussing labor unions and quality of life issues on Jan. 29.

■ Madeline Pérez De Jesús, associate professor of social work and equitable community practice at the University of St. Joseph, ending the series Jan. 30 with a discussion of how industry and business decisions can impact communities.

Sheehan describes how the performance/discussion events will play out: “Curtain time is 7 p.m. The conversation leader comes out, talks about power and poverty from their perspective and prepares the audi-

‘Sweat’

Capital Classics Theatre Company’s Contemporary Classics Conversations presentation of “Sweat” has four performances, Jan. 27-30 at the Autorino Center for the Arts at the University of St. Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave., West Hartford. Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20, \$14 for students, seniors and Let’s Go Arts! members. capitalclassics.org.

ence for what they’re about to see. That takes about 15 minutes. Then we do the first act of the play. Then the conversation leader comes back out to lead a conversation. Then there’s a 10-minute intermission, then the second act, and then the conversation leader asks how people felt about what they’ve just seen.”

Sheehan, who’s organized similar discussion-heavy theater events as a professor at Housatonic Community College, feels “it’s kind of a common practice in theater that you talk about what you’re

about to see when you’re going into the theater, then go some afterward and talk some more.”

This setup, he says, simply formalizes the discussion process. “We thought, what if we give the community a chance to talk about the production as it’s happening?” Capital Classics experimented with the concept last year, but only with excerpts from plays, not a full production.

“Sweat” was chosen to begin what the company hopes will become an annual series.

“We pulled together our regular members, a group of affiliated artists and board members into a 12-person committee and asked them, ‘What is going on in the world, in Connecticut, in your community? The committee asked the same questions to colleagues, friends and members of their communities. We looked at the ideas they came up with, and economic inequity was at the top of the list. So we came up with the theme of ‘power and poverty’ and a list of contemporary plays that

addressed those issues.”

As the Contemporary Classics Conversations series was being developed, Capital Classics was contacted by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, which funds community engagement projects. Other funding comes from Connecticut Humanities and the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development’s Office of the Arts.

Almost everyone involved in the “Sweat” production has worked with Capital Classics before, including in its summer Shakespeare productions. The cast is Capital Classics co-founder Laura Sheehan as Tracey, Eddie Cruz Jr. (Touchstone in Capital Classics’ “As You Like It,” as well as the star of a new series of Connecticut tourism ads) as Oscar, Mark Dean as Stan, Christopher Rowe as Chris, Josh Karam as Jason, Becky Ellis as Jessie, Joshua Eaddy as both Brucie and Evan, and Lisa McCree as Cynthia.

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Arrest

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became irate, yelling at the employees using a number of expletives.”

Police said Iannazzo threw a drink at one employee, hitting the employee in the right shoulder. The police said the employee reported that she was not injured. Iannazzo also “made comments toward an employee referencing their immigration status,” the police said.

Iannazzo was told to leave repeatedly but ignored the instructions, remaining inside the restaurant and continuing to yell insults, the police said. Police said he also tried to open a locked door to an employees only area.

Police said Iannazzo left the restaurant before they arrived, but they were able to quickly identify him. Police said he turned himself in. He told the police he was upset about his son having a severe allergic reaction and went back to the store as a result.

During the investigation, employees reported that Iannazzo never told them about the peanut allergy but

had only requested that there be no peanut butter in his drink, police said.

Iannazzo’s attorney, Frank J. Riccio Jr., said Iannazzo “wholeheartedly regrets” the incident. Riccio said Iannazzo feared for his son’s life. After attempts to treat the son at home failed, Riccio said Iannazzo called the ambulance to rush him to a hospital.

“When faced with a dire situation for his son, Mr. Iannazzo’s parental instinct kicked in and he acted out of anger and fear,” Riccio said. “He is not a racist individual and deeply regrets his statements and actions during a moment of extreme emotional stress.”

Iannazzo, a Merrill Lynch financial advisor, was fired after the incident.

“Our company does not tolerate behavior of this kind,” said Bill Halldin, a spokesman for Bank of America, which owns Merrill Lynch. “We immediately investigated and have taken action. This individual is no longer employed at our firm.”

Iannazzo was ordered to appear in Superior Court in Bridgeport on Feb. 7.

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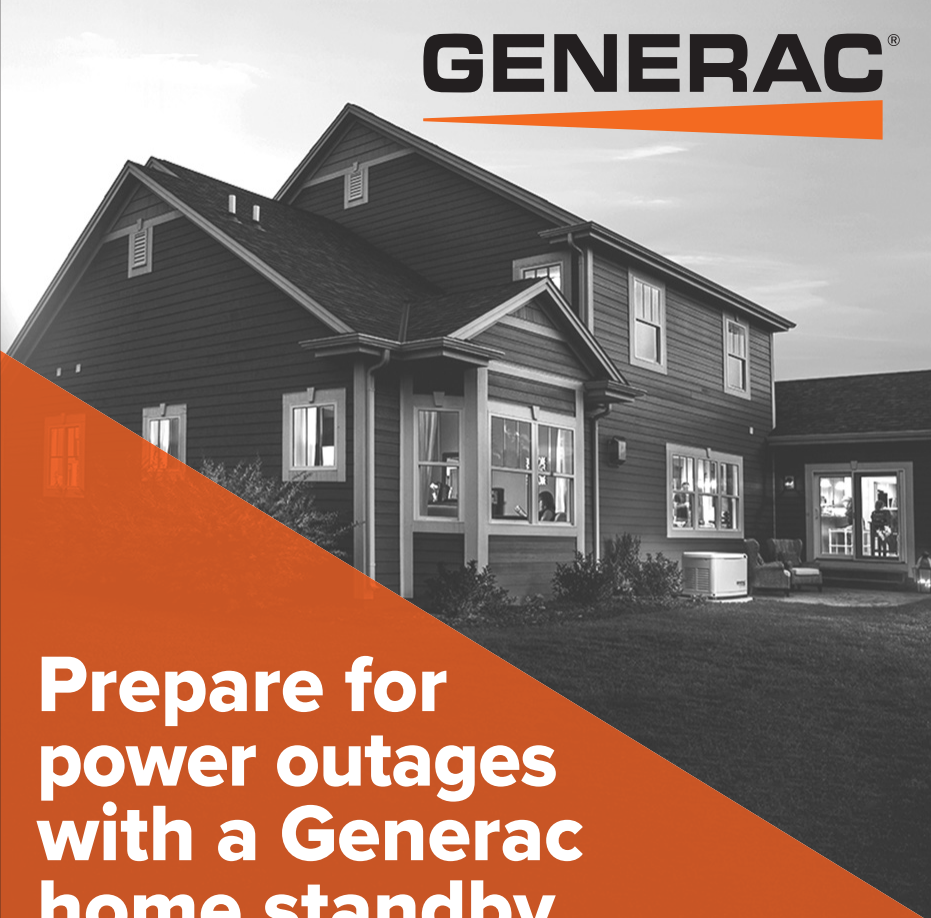
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NOW PLAYING Reviews of movies showing
in theaters or streaming online

‘ENCANTO’: The latest Disney Animation film, “Encanto,” sweeps audiences away to a colorful, enchanted world of Colombian magical realism, introducing the Madrigal family, who have each been granted extraordinary gifts, except one, our hero, Mirabel (Stefanie Beatriz), who has yet to discover her own personal magic. The Madrigal family magic was borne out of extreme trauma and pain, when matriarch Abuela Alma (Maria Cecilia Botero) lost her husband while fleeing violence in their village. In desperation, she cried out for protection for herself and her infant triplets, and a magical candle raised mountains around a charmed casita, where she’s raised her family since. Each Madrigal receives their gift in a coming-of-age ceremony. The only exception to the magical rule so far is the sweet, smart Mirabel, who never received her gift, and has since felt like the family outcast, bending over backward to earn her place among them. As she starts to see cracks in the foundation of their beloved casita, Mirabel probes deeper in to the family’s magic, and ultimately realizes that all of her family members are caught in the trap of perfectionism. 1:39, 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

‘A HERO’: Asgar Farhadi’s latest, “A Hero,” boasts the filmmaker’s usual high level of unassuming craft; a superb cast; and a couple of limitations, though not flaws, worth noting. The setting is the Iranian city of Shiraz. There, Rahim, played by Amir Jadidi with an air of serene resignation, has been jailed in debtors’ prison. The scowling

creditor controlling his fate helped Rahim start a business — he’s a calligrapher and painter by trade — but he wants his loans repaid. Rahim needs money, quickly, in order to buy his way out of prison and settle the debts while on a two-day pass. Streaming on Amazon Prime Video. 2:07, 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

‘ITALIAN STUDIES’: Alina (Vanessa Kirby) enters the warm embrace of a party on the arm of her dashing husband. A young woman watches her carefully from the corner, and later, when Alina bums a cigarette from her, she’ll ask Alina, “Do you remember me?” Alina doesn’t. It’s the first of many lapses in memory that mark the elliptical, lyrical “Italian Studies,” written and directed by Adam Leon. “Italian Studies” is a unique curio of a film, a free sketch of time and place melting together into a singular subjective experience, begging the question, “Does memory matter?” Perhaps it does not. Maybe forgetting who we are for a moment is a portal to our own liberation. But it seems more apt to say that it’s the remembering of who we were when we weren’t so set in our own personas and purposes that’s the key to getting back to ourselves. Streaming on demand. 1:21, 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘LICORICE PIZZA’: Gary Valentine is almost famous. This enterprising hustler parlays his demi-fame into a kind of accidental-on-purpose mystique, that of a 15-year-old LA whiz kid, with one foot in the industry as a child actor and the other in whatever he’s cooking up at the moment. “Licorice

Pizza,” writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson’s gloriously hazy hangout of a movie, starts from the premise of this San Fernando Valley high schooler putting his idea of “the moves” on 25-year-old Alana. She works as a photographer’s assistant. He first spies her when he’s in line for picture day. Their queasy age difference makes Gary’s ardor, in Alana’s eyes, a foolish delusion. Yet Alana — as played, indelibly, by Alana Haim of the Grammy-nominated sisters band Haim — finds herself weirdly charmed by this boy/man. 2:13, 3 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips*

‘REDEEMING LOVE’: D.J. Caruso’s historical drama/romance/morality play “Redeeming Love” opens with the Shakespeare quote “all that glitters is not gold,” and a pair of hands thrusting a pan into a river, searching for treasure. It sets the time and place in Gold Rush-era California, in the town of Pair-a-Dice circa 1850, but the quote has no bearing on the tale that unfolds over the next two hours, based on the smash hit 1991 novel by Francine Rivers. There may be gold in them thar hills, but “Redeeming Love” doesn’t yield any cinematic riches. Our hero in need of redeeming is Angel (Abigail Cowen), a sex worker and the hottest ticket in Pair-a-Dice, her time raffled off by the Duchess (Famke Janssen) to a frothing mob of men that gathers daily in front of the Palace brothel. As a child, Angel was trafficked into sex work by a smooth pimp named Duke (Eric Dane) after the death of her destitute mother (Nina Dobrev), who seems to waste away from shame after she and her daugh-

ter are rejected by Angel’s father, who is married to another woman. For her part, Angel doesn’t seem to mind her life in Pair-a-Dice all that much, though a knight in dusty denim will soon shake things up. 2:14, 1 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘SCREAM’: What made “Scream” so revolutionary in 1996 was its ironic self-reflection; a slasher movie that plucked the genre from the straight-to-VHS discount bin and held it up as art by dissecting all of the rules and conventions of its formula, while turning a mirror on the media landscape. Kevin Williamson wrote witty, wordy reams of dialogue for these characters, rat-a-tat analyses of horror tropes that made “Scream” something of a screwball slasher. If they knew the rules, they could survive the night, or so the wisdom goes. Once again, “Scream” is telling it like it is, and it’s even blunter this time. And that’s not the only cultural commentary this film has to dish out. The killer behind the Ghostface mask will inevitably deliver a delicious monologue explaining their motivations: Did the movies make them do it? Or did they want to make it into the movies? Is there a difference? “Scream” has always had a finger on the pulse of the cultural anxieties around media effects, and this time, they’ve scraped the arguments that rage constantly through the internet mob for their villainous motives. In a world full of requels, you’ll be glad Ghostface picked up the knife one more time. 1:54, 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME’: Casting Tom Holland as Peter Parker



Amir Jadidi, right, and Saleh Karimai in “A Hero.”
AMIR HOSSEIN SHOJAEI/AMAZON STUDIOS

was one of the sharper decisions to emerge from the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Holland provides the glue and the webbing for the latest Spidey outing, “Spider-Man: No Way Home.” Director Jon Watts and screenwriters Chris McKenna and Erik Sommers deliver an extremely busy, generally entertaining venture into the MCU multiverse of alternate timelines, competing versions of the same character and swirling trippiness. If you caught the animated and extremely deft 2018 “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse,” you’ll get the idea. This film has little of that film’s visual invention but a good deal of its verbal wit. 2:28, 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

‘THE TRAGEDY OF MACBETH’: The early 17th-century potboiler “The Tragedy of Macbeth” is the shortest of Shakespeare’s tragedies. Director and adapter Joel Coen — working here without his brother — took on this film version with his wife, Fran-

ces McDormand, committed — fully, as if that needed saying — to Lady Macbeth, opposite Denzel Washington as the ruthless warrior who lusts for the crown and goes blood simple in the process. Stripping “Macbeth” for parts, keeping the focus on the main narrative lines of political assassination and what Macbeth himself refers to as “supernatural soliciting,” Coen turns out to be ideally suited to a straight-ahead, let’s-get-on-with-it rendition. Shot on an LA soundstage, in tight, boxy 4:3 and black and white, this 105-minute trot through a charismatic power couple’s rise and fall is ripping stuff — largely because it dwells in a shadow realm where theatrical methods meet cinematic expression. In the best way, we never quite know where we are here. 1:45, 3 ½ stars. Streaming on Apple TV+. — *Michael Phillips*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

CELEBRITIES

Page signs on for transgender doc

From news services

Elliot Page has signed on as executive producer for an Italian documentary about a group of transgender friends and their gender transition journey. Directed by Italian filmmaker Nicolo Bassetti, “Nel Mio Nome” (“Into My Name”) is the coming-of-age story of four young friends — Nic, 33, Leo, 30, Andrea, 25, and Raff, 23 — who share important turning points in their lives and in their gender transitions, according to an IMDb synopsis.

“What stands out to me about ‘Nel Mio Nome’ is the way it so artfully and intentionally presents all the different pieces that make up a person’s identity,” Page, 34, said in a statement.

“It’s a meditation on trans humanity, and I’ve never seen another film like it,” the actor and longtime LGBTQ activist added.

The film, which will premiere at the 2022 Berlin International Film Festival next month, was rooted in the director’s experiences as the father of a trans son.

“Knowing that Bassetti consulted closely with his trans son throughout production is so beautiful to me, and I think that lived experience and input is clear in the film’s perspective,” Page said. “I’m honored to be on board and can’t wait for everyone to see it.”

Bassetti said that he was “truly grateful to Elliot for adding (their) lived perspective to help our film find its way in the world.”

Page came out as transgender in December 2020.

Daniels has a spider-killing worm named after him: Emmy-winning actor Jeff Daniels is the inspiration for the name of a tarantula-killing worm.



Elliot Page, seen Sept. 13, is an executive producer for “Nel Mio Nome,” an Italian documentary. THEO WARGO/GETTY

Taranarantobelus jeffdanielsi is the name of a newly found nematode, a species of worm, that infects the scary spiders, according to the University of California Riverside.

Found by a team from UC Riverside, the worm was designated so because of Daniels’ role in the 1990 hit movie “Arachnophobia.” In it, he’s the hero battling a lethal spider attack.

“When I first heard a new species of nematode had been named after me, I thought, ‘Why? Is there a resemblance?’” Daniels said. “Honestly, I was honored by their homage to me and ‘Arachnophobia.’ Made me smile. And of course, in Hollywood, you haven’t really made it until you’ve been recognized by those in the field of parasitology.”

Radcliffe to play ‘Weird Al’: Daniel Radcliffe will play the lead role in a

movie about the life of parody performer “Weird Al” Yankovic, the Roku Channel has announced. The movie — “Weird: The Weird Al Yankovic Story” — will be directed by Eric Appel, who co-wrote the script with Yankovic. “I am absolutely thrilled that Daniel Radcliffe will be portraying me in the film. I have no doubt whatsoever that this is the role future generations will remember him for,” Yankovic said in a statement.

Jan. 24 birthdays: Fiddler Doug Kershaw is 86. Singer Ray Stevens is 83. Singer Aaron Neville is 81. Singer Neil Diamond is 81. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 71. Pianist Jools Holland is 64. Comedian Phil LaMarr is 55. Actor Matthew Lillard is 52. Actor Ed Helms is 48. Actor Tatyana Ali is 43. Actor Carrie Coon is 41. Actor Daveed Diggs is 40.



ASK AMY
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Mother-in-law’s rant requires an apology

Dear Amy: In 2019, after a five-year-long process to make up his mind, my son married a young woman who is the only child of an Indian couple whose own marriage was arranged.

Our daughter-in-law has not embraced our family and doesn’t seem interested in interacting with us.

This past Christmas, she mostly kept to herself, doing things on her computer, playing with her dog or just staying in the guest bedroom while my son hung out with us.

We are a very warm family. Our son and daughter participate, while my daughter-in-law doesn’t help in the kitchen at all, avoids hugs and goes to her bedroom after dinner without a word.

She has no social graces and her behavior, especially toward me, has always been extremely cold and distant.

I am trying not to take it too personally because she is like this with most people of our generation, including in her own family.

She doesn’t have a very good relationship with her own mother.

The day before they were supposed to return home, my cup was full and some steam escaped in the form of harsh words to my son about her, which she overheard.

Since then, I have written a long email to my son to apologize for my ugly words against the woman he loves.

I also intend to apologize to her after I have been reassured that she will accept my apology. I intend to mention that I do not understand her coldness

and hostility toward us.

So far, my son has not replied; it’s been a week.

Any advice on how to reconnect with them?
— *Upset MIL*

Dear Upset: You should not wait for assurance that your apology will be accepted before offering one. Nor should you double down and place any blame on the person you’ve offended.

You should call your son and speak with him about this. Ask him to pass the phone to his wife. Your apology should be direct and sincere: “I am so sorry you overheard my harshness at Christmastime. I’ve been searching for ways to be closer to you, and this is definitely not the way to go about it. I’m very embarrassed and feel absolutely terrible about this. I hope you can forgive me.”

If you are unable to do this by phone, you should write directly to her.

Dear Amy: I have a blessed life. My spouse and I have a wonderful relationship, I’m financially secure, and I enjoy going to work every day.

One of my dear friend’s life is the complete opposite. He is still searching for that perfect someone. He hates his job, but isn’t able to move, and his current finances are a mess.

When he vents, I listen and give advice when asked.

When he asks how I’m doing, my life is pretty positive, and while he says he’s happy for me, based on his nonverbal communication, I get a sense that I’m taking a screwdriver to his gut and am twisting it. How do I talk to my

friend? I don’t want to add salt to his wound, but that’s what it feels like when I share.

— *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: First of all, I give your friend credit for actually asking about you!

So often when people vent, they forget to show any interest in the person receiving the vent.

You don’t need to hide your own blessings under a bushel, but I do think it is important to read the room.

Ask your friend: “How does it feel for you when I share stories about my own good luck when things are going well? I do not want to add to your burdens in any way.”

Dear Amy: Methinks you have fallen for an urban myth that the word “tip” is an acronym for “To Insure Promptness.” First of all, the word is “ensure,” not “insure.”

It’s a simple fact check.
— *Disappointed*

Dear Disappointed: There is a healthy and important debate regarding the use of tips to compensate restaurant workers.

In terms of the acronym, my “simple fact check” regarding this assertion was borrowed from the New York Times: “One (London coffeehouse) ... had a bowl printed with the words ‘To Insure Promptitude,’ and some speculate that ‘tip’ is an acronym for this phrase.”

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'As We See It' portrays young adulthood on autism spectrum

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

Some TV characters have lofty goals. They want to find a soul mate, a fulfilling career or their place in the world. Then there's Harrison. When we first meet him, he just hopes to walk to the coffee shop alone.

Harrison — played by Albert Rutecki — is one of the characters in the new Amazon Prime ensemble series "As We See It," which follows a trio of young people on the autism spectrum as they negotiate daily life.

"I see it mainly as a coming of age or coming to adulthood of several 20-something characters," Rutecki says. "It has three main characters who are on the spectrum, but I think it could definitely be relatable to a lot of people more than just those who are autistic."

Harrison, who is sensitive to loud sounds like dogs barking and frazzled by sudden movements, is joined by Violet (Sue Ann Pien) and Jack (Rick Glassman). Violet works at an Arby's and wants a boyfriend, while Jack is a computer coding whiz but has difficulty editing himself. (He once bluntly tells his boss that he's an idiot.)

The show, now streaming, is created by Jason Katims, who is best-known for "Friday Night Lights" and "Parenthood." It is based on the 2018 Israeli series "On the Spectrum" and informed by Katims' son, who has autism.

"One of the things that was really, really important to me about the story was that we approached it with this utter respect for all of the characters in the shows and, in particular, the characters that are neurodiverse," he says.

"It was our intention



Albert Rutecki, from left, Rick Glassman and Sue Ann Pien in the ensemble series "As We See It." **ALI GOLDSTEIN/AMAZON**

from the beginning to never be laughing at anybody in the show but be laughing with them."

The three roommates — all actors who identify on the spectrum — are looked after by a neurotypical aide called Mandy, played by Sosie Bacon, who conducts group meetings with the three and helps them meet goals, like navigating their world online or just cheerleading as they walk to the coffee shop alone for a croissant. Mandy is also making her way in life, causing her own messes and making mistakes.

Bacon was drawn to the show in large part because of Katims' writing. "He has this ability to sort of be very sincere and very sweet and then all of the sudden, just crack you up." According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, autism affects an estimated 1 in 44 children in the U.S. As she studied for the role, Bacon says she learned a lot from the community, including a refreshing brutal honesty.

"We as neurotypical people often have all of these blocks that prevent us from being honest. We don't want to hurt somebody's feelings, or we have an ego," she says.

"I feel there's a directness that I learned that was actually wonderful

and that I would like to emulate in my own life because I spend a lot of time overthinking the things that I say and do."

For his part, Rutecki welcomes the attention the show gives to the diversity of people on the spectrum. Often if Hollywood tries to depict autism, it's usually a single, minor character. While "As We See It" doesn't come close to describing all the complexities of autism, it at least tries.

"I've heard it said before, 'You meet one autistic person, you've met one autistic person,'" Rutecki says. "There's definitely a lot of diversity within the spectrum, and you can't just get all of that in no matter how hard you try."

Visibility is one thing, but neurotypical viewers will also get to see how they can make life more comfortable for those on the spectrum and understand better how to accommodate people who are different.

"I think it's really good that Hollywood is being more mindful of representation and in the way they portray things," says Rutecki. "And, keep in mind, that there are disabled actors out there that are just like trying to get a part. We can do this. Give us a chance."

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Your ambition may be too much for one of your close relationships now. It's OK to feel bad, but try not to spiral into feeling like you have completely failed. You may be able to talk things out with them. Deep honesty can help.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Work may demand a lot from you. The effort that you're putting in becomes bearable if you have an idea of what you're working toward. Making plans with someone might be just what you need to remind you that you still have a life! Flying solo could give you the opportunity to meet new friends.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You might want to focus on yourself today, but another person could get in the way. You might be able to get into a really productive groove once you start working on the task at hand. Even if it isn't as much fun as whatever else you had in mind, you may wind up proud.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Insisting that anyone living with you should do things your way could be a recipe for tension. Try supplying everyone with enough space to find their own style — you may be pleasantly surprised! It might turn out that you're all closer to the same page than you expect.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be able to work hard today, but you might not want to talk about it. The more you try to politely answer someone, the more questions they could have. Tell them right away that you need to work uninterrupted, because you're likely to snap sooner than they're likely to take a hint.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your desire to have fun might not go away just because you didn't make room for it. Things you don't acknowledge have ways of sabotaging your plans, so be realistic about your need for pleasure. Talk to someone you trust. Hearing about the struggles of others may be reassuring.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Asserting yourself could be irritating today. Fortunately, making an effort to solve your problems at home could go better than usual for you now. It may turn out that the cheapest way to deal with things is with money. Your time and your sanity are limited and valuable resources.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Hiding what you want won't be easy. Be direct. The best results can be found by speaking clearly — you're likely to come off sounding manipulative if you hold back. The people you're in contact with could respond favorably. Your goals will work wonderfully for them!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spending money to keep up with your friends could be tempting. You might be better off taking some time alone to sort out how you can use your resources to achieve your own goals. Your needs might be different from those of whoever you're comparing yourself to.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Standing up for yourself should come easily today. A small part of yourself is still worried about status in a way you wouldn't expect. It's OK to reach out to your friends to get some help shedding this inhibition. Just having someone hear out your concerns can let you reach a satisfying answer.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Working hard behind the scenes can win you respect. Though you may not get public recognition at the moment, you might be more influential in shaping the direction of whatever you're working on. Being aware of the impact you have can help you decide how to use it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be motivated to take your commitments to friendships up a notch today! Before you start working, try to devote some thought to what level of intensity you're really ready to deal with. Initiating an intellectual conversation could be just the right depth.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Jan. 24, 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1965, Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1984, Apple Computer began selling its first Macintosh model, which boasted a built-in 9-inch monochrome display.

In 1985, the space shuttle Discovery was launched on the first secret, all-military shuttle mission.

In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair.

In 2003, Tom Ridge was sworn as the first secretary of the new Department of Homeland Security.

In 2013, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced the lifting of a ban on women serving in combat.

In 2020, 15-year-old Coco Gauff upset defending champ Naomi Osaka in the third round of the Australian Open.



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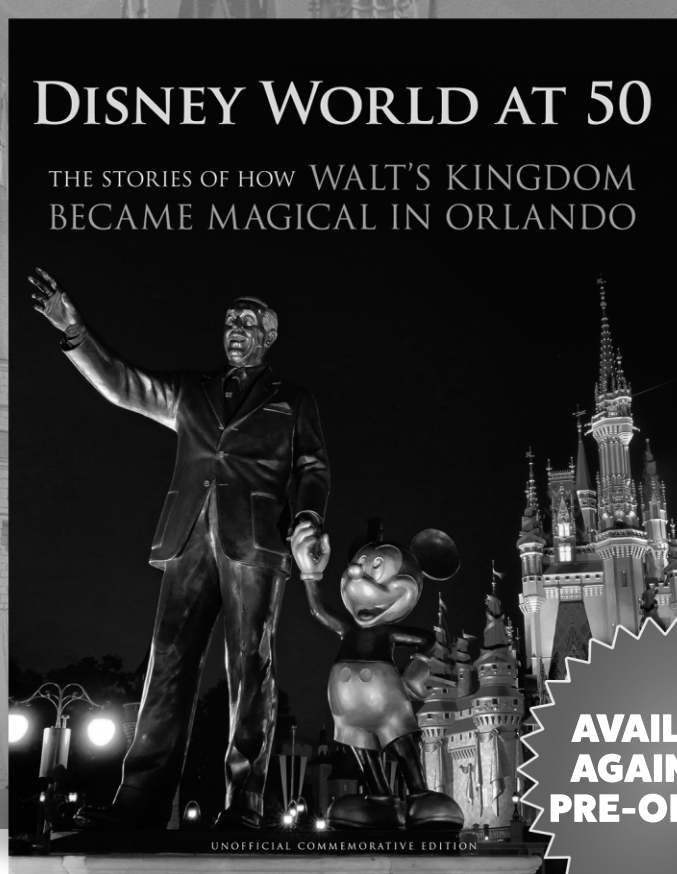
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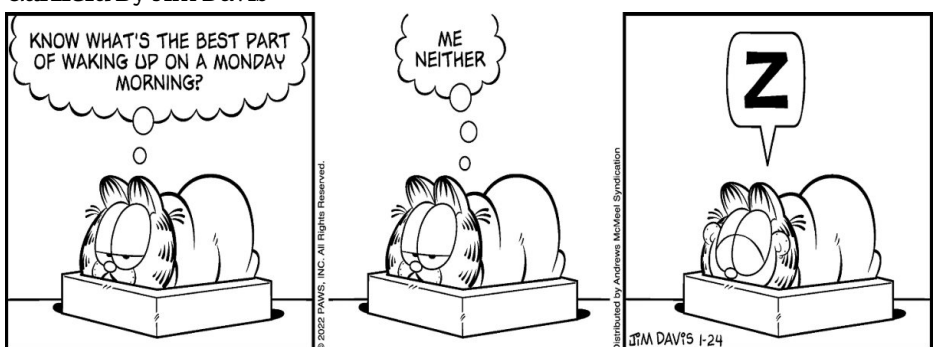
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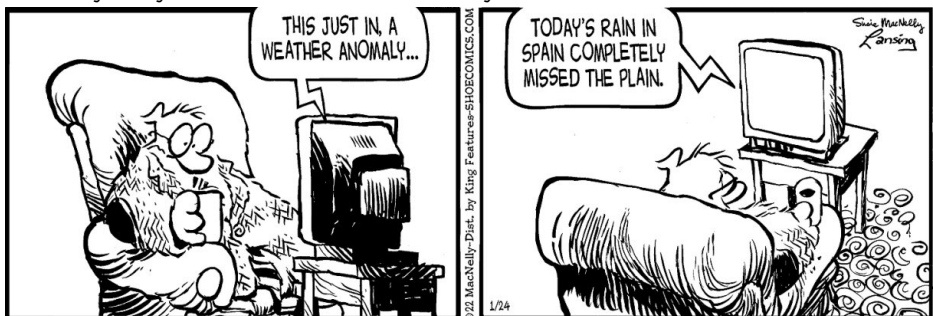
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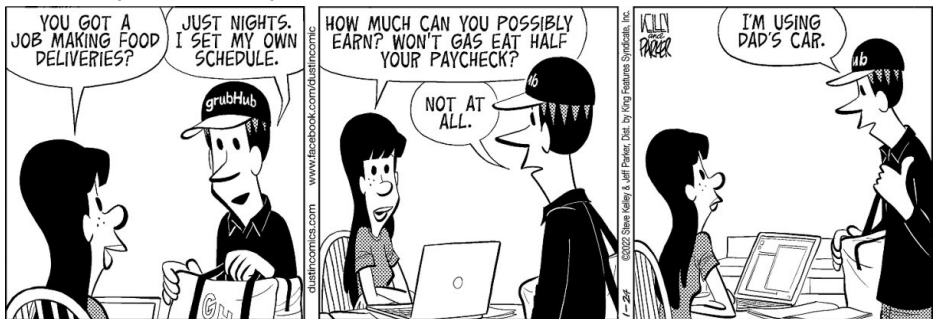
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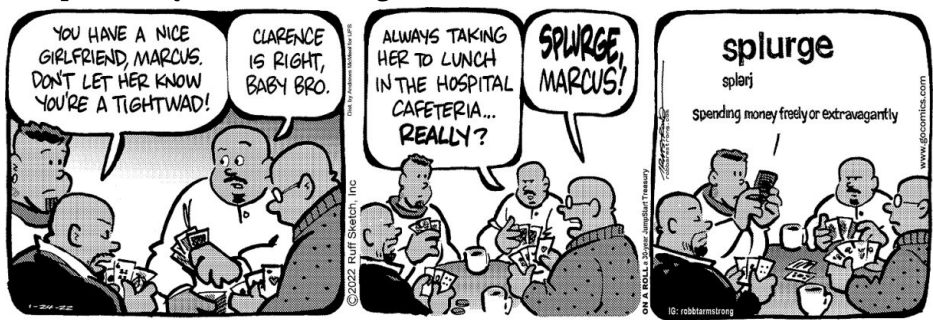
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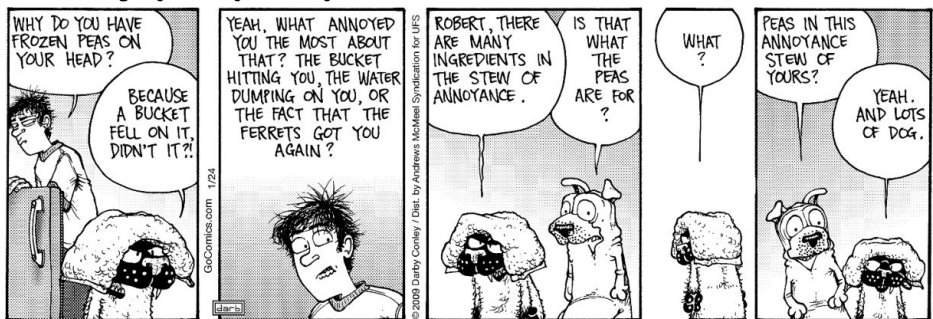
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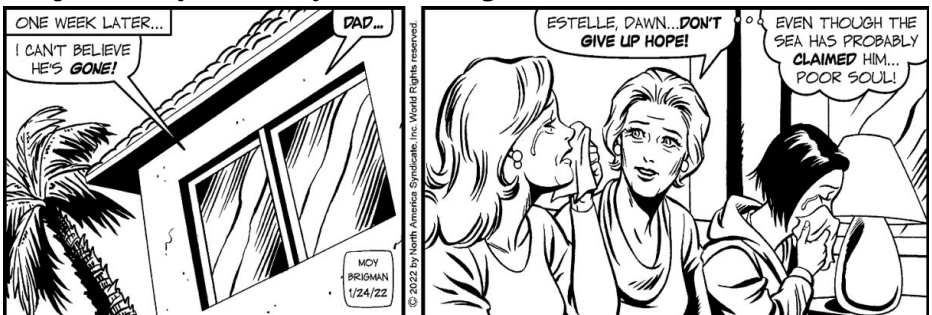
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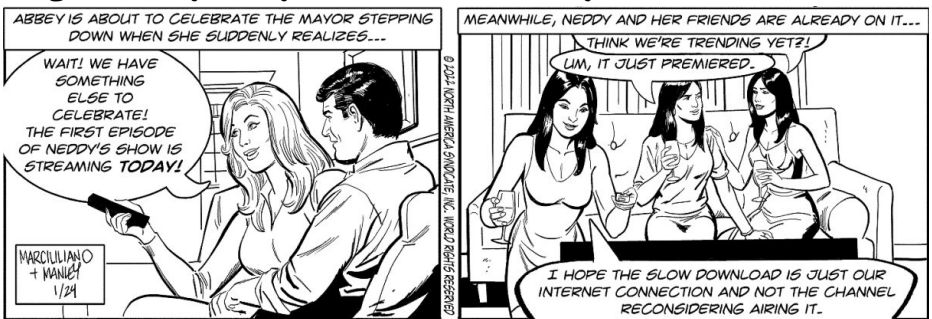
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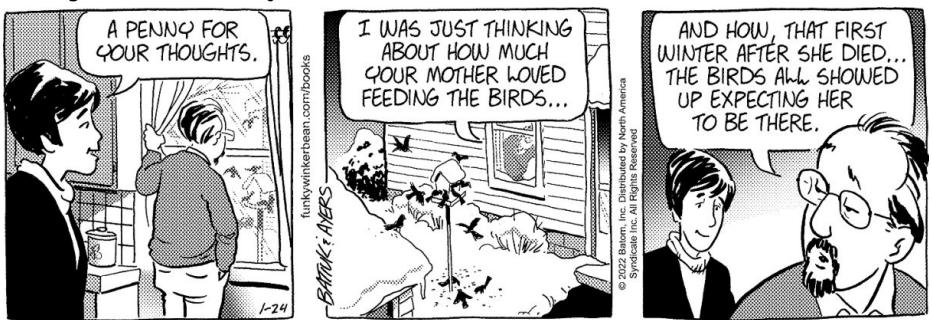
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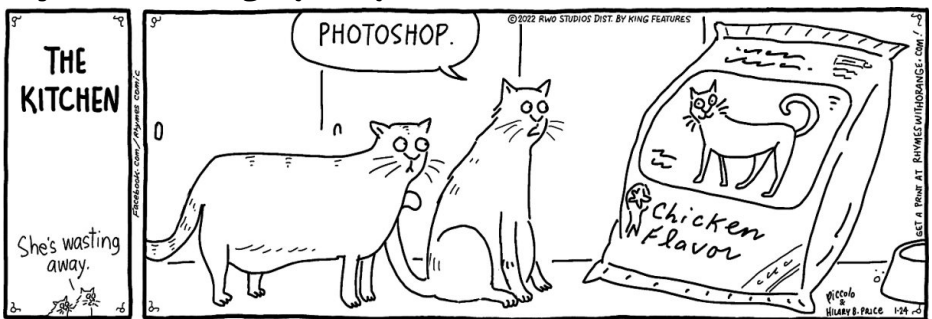
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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: at the library

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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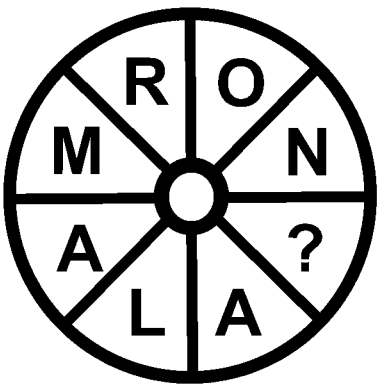
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by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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26 One of the five senses
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47 "The ___ Job"; movie for Will Arnett and Liam Neeson
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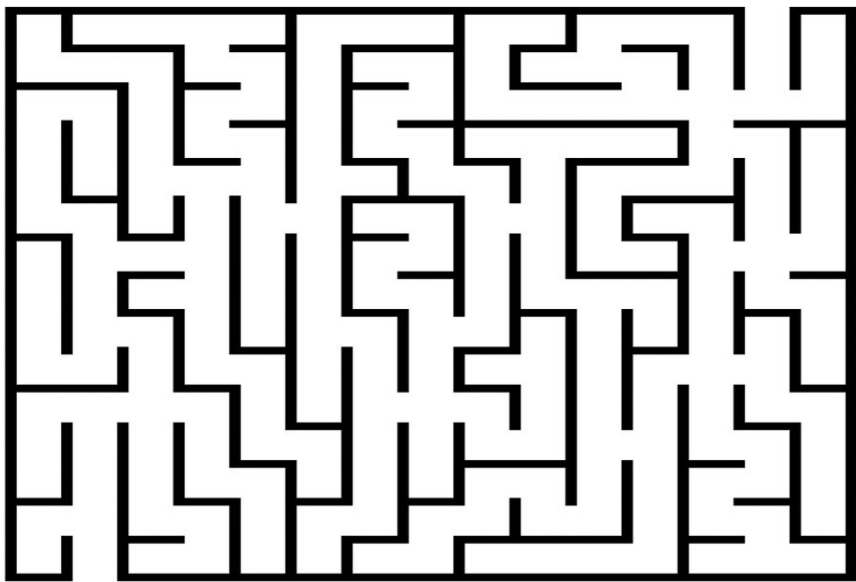
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3 Actress Burke
4 Respect highly
5 Dallas univ.
6 Actor Hunter
7 180° from WNW
8 Computer-animated film about a green ogre
9 Limited
10 Grown-ups
11 ___ Tim; singer famous for "Tiptoe Through the Tulips"
19 "___ Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
21 Role on "Alice"
23 Eric ___; Barrett Foa's "NCIS: Los Angeles" role
24 Singer/composer/pianist ___ John
25 Spotless
29 Michelle Kwan or Kristi Yamaguchi
30 "The ___ Game"; Doris Day movie
31 "___ Z"; Ben Feldman sitcom
33 Ross and Rigg
34 Long-running NBC weekend fare
36 Carey and Barrymore
37 Lollobrigida and Gershon
38 Hollandaise or Tabasco
39 Three wise men of biblical fame
41 One-dish meal
44 Actor Kilmer
45 Ending for Paul or Joseph
46 "Just ___ Water"; movie for Dylan Walsh

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COMMENTARY

Pitino reveling in another new life

Hall of Fame coach finding success leading Iona

HAMDEN — Rick Pitino spent a sleepless night Saturday, not sure his Iona team was fully prepared to play Quinnipiac.

“I was panicking,” he said, “because there was a high school tournament in our gym. We’ve bought Concordia College, so we had another gym, so we went to Concordia and the softball team was in there. You make adjustments, but it scared the hell out of me because it’s the first time it happened to me in my long career.”

“It’s nobody’s fault. You’re at Iona and you share the facilities,



Dom Amore

and it was too cold for the softball team to go outside. I tried to get them into Yankee Stadium, but it wasn’t available.”

There was a time when Pitino, the Hall of Fame coach, might have demanded Yankee Stadium be unlocked, rather than scramble for a place to practice the day before a game.

But it’s a part of his \$1 million-a-year deal now, and he could laugh it off Sunday because, at 69, he’s learned to roll with punches — he’s had a ton of practice at that — and his team survived a worthy opponent, Quinnipiac, 76-61 on Sunday at People’s United Center.

The Gaels (16-3, 8-0 MAAC) may be considered a mid-major, but Pitino has forged and tempered his kind of team, and he has big ideas.

“It’s getting there,” he said. “I’m at a stage in my life where

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Hall of Famer Rick Pitino, 69, says he has found enjoyment coaching at Iona. The Gaels are 16-3, 8-0 in the MAAC, after winning at Quinnipiac on Sunday. **ROB RASMUSSEN PHOTO**



UConn forward Olivia Nelson-Ododa gets tangled up against St. John's Kadaja Bailey in the first half Sunday in New York. Nelson-Ododa had three points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists. **JESSIE ALCHEH/AP PHOTOS**

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL UCONN 75, ST. JOHN'S 57

Weather the storm: Huskies close strong

Juhász: ‘I would not necessarily see ourselves as underdogs’

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

NEW YORK — Coach Geno Auriemma’s message to his UConn team as of late is that, as the team goes through what the Huskies have openly described as “hell” with the absences of so many key players due to injury or other ailments, they have to drag each other through it, and that eventually they’ll make it through to the other side. Sunday’s 75-57 victory over St. John’s at Carnesecca Arena was a microcosm of that very idea.

From tip to the final buzzer, UConn (11-4, 6-0 Big East) fought a pesky Red Storm team that appeared much better than its losing record. After watching its 16-point lead cut in half early in the fourth, the Huskies scored 14

of the game’s final 18 points to seal the win.

“I would not necessarily see ourselves as underdogs, but that’s how we have to work,” graduate student Dorka Juhász said. “Doesn’t matter who we play, but that has to be our work ethic every single day. Run the floor, get steals, get rebounds. We have to be the tougher team every single time we’re on the court. We still have to have that confidence, but once you step on the court, we’ve got to work super, super hard.”

Freshman Caroline Ducharme was the Huskies’ go-to scorer when they needed a bucket, getting a career-high 28 points, her fourth career 20-point game. She scored seven points late after St. John’s

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The UConn bench celebrates late in Sunday's victory over St. John's in New York.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Buc stops here: Brady shows grit in defeat

By Ben Volin
Boston Globe

Tom Brady didn’t want to offer any clues, or even acknowledge that he is even thinking about retiring from the NFL.

“I haven’t put a lot of thought into it,” Brady said Sunday after the Bucs’ 30-27 divisional-round loss to the Rams. “Truthfully, guys, I’m thinking about this game, and not thinking about anything past five minutes from now.”

Brady certainly had a lot to process on Sunday, and not just whether he would retire at age 44, after 21 seasons as a starter and seven Super Bowl victories. Mostly, he had to accept that Sunday’s game went off script. There would be no improbable comeback win. No shot to repeat as Super Bowl champions.

Brady almost added another legendary chapter to his incomparable career, helping erase a 27-3, late-third-quarter lead. It was Super Bowl LI all over again.

The Rams, with a 99% win probability, got tight in the fourth quarter with two fumbles and a missed field goal. Brady came roaring back with three touchdown drives in the second half and tied the game, 27-27, with just 42 seconds left. Even the Rams’ defensive coordinator, Raheem Morris, was the Falcons’ assistant head coach in that Super Bowl five years ago. Yet this comeback wasn’t meant to be. Matthew Stafford hit receiver Cooper Kupp for 44 yards with 28 seconds left, setting up a game-winning 30-yard field goal to send the Rams, not the Bucs, to the NFC title game.

“Obviously we showed a lot of fight,” Brady said. “But at the end of the day if you lose a game you lose a game.”

In the Patriots’ comeback against the Falcons, the chips all fell perfectly. The offense scored touchdowns and two-point conversions, the defense forced turnovers and punts, and the coaches dialed up all the right calls.

Sunday, Brady’s defense and coaching let him down. On Kupp’s big reception, Bucs defensive coordinator Todd Bowles curiously called a seven-man blitz. Kupp, who won this year’s triple crown as the NFL’s leader in catches, yards and touchdowns, burned right past the 1-on-1 coverage. Arians said there was an error on the play — not everyone heard the play call, and not

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UConn WBB: at South Carolina, Thursday, 6 p.m.; at Providence, Sunday, 11 a.m.; at Creighton, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Celtics: Kings, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Hawks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pelicans, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Knicks: at Cavaliers, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Heat, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Bucks, Friday, 10 p.m.

Nets: Lakers, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Nuggets, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; at Warriors, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.

UConn hockey: Merrimack, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; vs. Yale (CT Collegiate Tourney), Saturday, 3:30 p.m.; vs. Quinnipiac/Sacred Heart (CT Collegiate Tourney), Sunday, time TBD

Bruins: Ducks, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Avalanche, Wednesday, 10 p.m.; at Coyotes, Friday, 9 p.m.

Rangers: Kings, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Blue Jackets, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Wild, Friday, 8 p.m.

Wolf Pack: SPRINGfield, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Providence, Friday, 7 p.m.; Lehigh Valley, Saturday, 7 p.m.

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BASKETBALL

12 p.m.: Memphis at Tulsa. (Taped) ESPNU
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4 p.m.: Women’s College }Ohio State at Rutgers. (Taped) ESPNU
6 p.m.: Boston College at Wake Forest. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: New York Knicks at Cleveland Cavaliers. (Live), MSG.
7 p.m.: Women’s College }Vanderbilt at South Carolina. (Live) SEC
7 p.m.: Loyola (Md.) at Colgate. (Live) CBSSN
7 p.m.: Louisville at Virginia. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Morgan State at Norfolk State. (Live) ESPNU
8 p.m.: Virginia Tech at North Carolina. (Live) ACC
9 p.m.: Texas Tech at Kansas. (Live) ESPN
9 p.m.: St. John’s at Seton Hall. (Live) FS1
11 p.m.: Arizona State at USC. (Live) ESPN2
5 a.m.: Louisville at Virginia. (Taped) ACC

BOWLING

7 p.m.: Players Championship: West Region Finals. (Live) FS1

FOOTBALL

9 p.m.: CFP National Championship Georgia vs Alabama. (Taped) ESPNU

GOLF

4:30 p.m.: Southwestern Invitational, First Round. (Live) GOLF

HOCKEY

12 p.m.: St. Louis Blues at Vancouver Canucks. (Taped) NHL
7 p.m.: Anaheim Ducks at Boston Bruins. (Live), NESN.
7 p.m.: Los Angeles Kings at New York Rangers. (Live), MSGPlus.
7 p.m.: Vegas Golden Knights at Washington Capitals. (Live) NHL
8 p.m.: Montreal Canadiens at Minnesota Wild. (Live) SPRTNET

TENNIS

7 a.m.: 2022 Australian Open Tennis Round of 16. (Taped) TENNIS
7 p.m.: 2022 Australian Open Tennis Quarterfinals. (Live) ESPN2

KNICKS 110, CLIPPERS 102

Barrett, Randle carry Knicks

Duo combine for 52 points to help stop 3-game skid

Associated Press

NEW YORK — RJ Barrett had 28 points, 14 rebounds and six assists, and Julius Randle had 24 points and nine boards as the New York Knicks beat the Los Angeles Clippers 110-102 on Sunday afternoon at Madison Square Garden.

Evan Fournier made four of the Knicks’ 16 3-pointers and finished with 14 points, helping New York stop a three-game slide.

With Barrett leading the way once again, the Knicks never trailed.

Barrett, 21, is averaging 23.3 points, 7.0 rebounds and 3.4 assists over his last 10 games, shooting 44% from the field and 44% behind the 3-point arc.

“I am hungry for more. I want more for the team, but for myself as well,” Barrett said. “I think that if I continue to be aggressive like I’ve been the past couple of games, like I was tonight, I think probably anything is possible.

“I want to continue to be able to make plays like I did today, score and defend and rebound, really do it all out there on the court for the team and kind of be the guy that does whatever the team needs.”

New York coach Tom Thibodeau credited Barrett’s recent stretch to his overall growth and playing to the team’s pace.



Knicks guard RJ Barrett puts up a shot against Clippers center Ivica Zubac on Sunday in New York. Barrett had 28 points, 14 rebounds and six assists. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

“I think he is gaining more experience,” Thibodeau said. “I think he has the confidence level that has come from his preparation. And now he has been through the league a few times, so I think he is growing every day. You see it. He is playing at a better pace, which is important for us.”

Cam Reddish, Barrett’s former teammate at Duke, made his debut for the Knicks after he was acquired from Atlanta in a Jan. 13

trade. The No. 10 pick in the 2019 NBA draft had two points and two rebounds in five minutes of action.

Reggie Jackson scored 26 points for the Clippers, and Ivica Zubac had 17 points and 13 rebounds. Los Angeles has lost seven of its last 10 games.

Barrett scored 17 to help the Knicks to a 66-61 half-time lead. New York shot 24 for 49 from the field in the first half, including 11 for 21 from 3-point range.

Los Angeles coach Tyrone Lue said the Clippers did not do enough to make Barrett take shots with his right hand.

“We know he can score the basketball, but he had 28 points, and 28 points was all on going left,” Lue said. “We talked coming into the game that we got to keep him off his left hand. He’s too good going to his left, and he got there time and time again.”

Alec Burks’ 3-pointer lifted the Knicks to a 101-88

lead with 7:35 left in the fourth quarter.

Jackson then paced a 6-0 run with a floater and a 3-pointer for Los Angeles. But Randle responded with a driving layup, and Fournier connected from long range to make it 106-94 with 4:52 left.

Terance Mann’s dunk with 31.3 seconds remaining got the Clippers within six, but Burks made two free throws to help the Knicks close it out.

CELTICS 116, WIZARDS 87

Tatum scores 51 in Celtics’ rout of Wizards

By Noah Trister

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This was quite a way for Jayson Tatum to break out of his shooting slump.

Tatum scored 51 points — 48 in the first three quarters — to help the Boston Celtics breeze to a 116-87 victory over the Washington Wizards on Sunday.

Tatum made nine 3-pointers and shot 18 of 28 from the field. That was after he shot 0 for 17 beyond the arc in his previous three games.

“When you’re missing shots, you know what you’re capable of, and sometimes you’ve got to laugh it off,” Tatum said. “It’s as simple as sometimes you just don’t make shots. You play so many games.”

Tatum had 31 points by halftime and reached 50 on a drive to the basket with about 4:30 remaining in the game. He added a technical-foul free throw with 3:55 to play and then checked out of the game while the crowd in Washington, which included plenty of green-clad Boston fans, gave him a standing ovation.

“That’s an incredible feeling,” Tatum said. “Seeing so many fans on road with a Tatum ‘0’ jersey on — something I don’t take for granted. I understand there’s 450 some-odd guys in the league, and they took the time to go buy my jersey.”



Celtics forward Jayson Tatum reacts after making a 3-pointer against the Wizards on Sunday in Washington. Tatum hit nine 3-pointers and scored 51 points in the win. NICK WASS/AP

Bradley Beal scored 19 points for the Wizards, who never led in coach Wes Unseld Jr.’s return from being on the COVID-19 health and safety protocol list. Washington, which has one game remaining on an eight-game homestand, has dropped three in a row.

Boston led 46-45 in the second quarter, but Tatum’s 17-footer started a 14-0 run to close the half. Tatum added a couple of free

throws and two 3-pointers during that stretch and finished with 18 points in the quarter.

Tatum reached 40 points with a couple of free throws with 4:48 left in the third. Moments later, a dunk put him even with his season high of 42 that he set last month against Milwaukee. He added two more 3s before the quarter was over, the second of which put Boston up, 89-62.

Tatum seemed to realize his day might be done, taking three more shots in the final minute of the third quarter, all misses. He ended the third a bucket shy of 50 and left the game. But he came back with 7:21 left in the fourth and scored enough to surpass 50 — although he remained well shy of his career high of 60, set against San Antonio last April.

Celtics coach Ime Udoka

said going for 50 wasn’t a factor in putting Tatum back in.

“We were getting a little iso-heavy, stagnant there,” Udoka said. “We’ve obviously had our troubles closing, so, get him back in and try to finish the game.”

Boston’s Marcus Smart played for the first time since Jan. 10 after he went through health and safety protocols. He scored 11 points.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Wolf Pack beat Bears on late goal to split weekend series

Staff reports

The Hartford Wolf Pack rebounded from Saturday’s blowout loss at the Giant Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania, to beat the Hershey Bears 3-2 on Sunday afternoon thanks to a late goal from Justin Richards.

Ty Ronning collected a loose puck along the wall in the Hershey zone, quickly playing it back to the point for defenseman Tarmo Reunanen. Reunanen fired a low shot into traffic, with Richards providing a screen in front of Hershey goalie

Zach Fucale.

Richards got a piece of the shot, deflecting home the eventual winning goal at 17:14 of the third period. The goal, Richards’ third of the season, was his second game winner.

The Wolf Pack, who lost the opener of the weekend series 5-0, opened the scoring Sunday just 7:08 into the game on Tanner Fritz’s fifth goal of the season.

After Hershey tied it in the last minute of the first period, Jonny Brodzinski, assigned to the Wolf Pack from the Rangers taxi

squad on Sunday morning, extended his point streak to five games with his team-leading 12th goal at 5:36 of the second.

Mount St. Mary’s tops CCSU: Mount St. Mary’s took control with a 10-0 run early in the game on the way to a 65-50 victory over Central Connecticut in a Northeast Conference men’s basketball game in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Mezie Offurum led the Mountaineers (8-10, 4-2) with 14 points and eight rebounds. Freshman

Davonte Sweatman lead the Blue Devils (4-16, 2-6) with 12 points. Central has lost six in a row.

The Blue Devils trimmed the deficit to single digits early in the second half following a pair of free throws by junior Ian Krishnan to make it 31-23. Mount St. Mary’s responded with back-to-back 3-pointers and made 6 of 7 shots to push the lead back to double-figures. The Mountaineers hit 5 of 6 3-pointers to push the lead to 55-39.

UConn splits week-

end Hockey East series: UConn senior Jonny Evans buried the winning goal 1:58 into overtime to deliver the Huskies a 3-2 Hockey East win over New Hampshire on Saturday night to split the weekend series in Hartford. The Huskies (10-10-0, 7-6-0), snapped a three-game skid. The Wildcats (12-11-1, 7-7-1), who won 3-1 Friday, saw their five-game winning streak end. UConn took a 2-1 lead into the third period after second-period goals from senior Marc Gatcomb and freshman Sasha Teleguine.

SCOREBOARD

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Florida	41	28	8	5	61	167	117		
Tampa Bay	43	28	10	5	61	149	123		
Toronto	38	25	10	3	53	129	100		
Boston	38	24	12	2	50	119	102		
Detroit	42	18	18	6	42	113	139		
Buffalo	41	13	21	7	33	111	142		
Ottawa	35	12	20	3	27	98	125		
Montreal	40	8	25	7	23	88	146		
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
N.Y. Rangers	42	27	11	4	58	129	108		
Pittsburgh	41	26	10	5	57	139	108		
Carolina	38	27	9	2	56	136	91		
Washington	42	23	10	9	55	139	117		
Columbus	39	18	20	1	37	121	139		
New Jersey	39	15	19	5	35	115	137		
N.Y. Islanders	34	14	14	6	34	80	91		
Philadelphia	41	13	20	8	34	102	141		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Colorado	39	28	8	3	59	165	118		
Nashville	43	26	14	3	55	134	118		
St. Louis	40	24	11	5	53	143	108		
Minnesota	37	24	10	3	51	141	113		
Dallas	38	20	16	2	42	112	119		
Winnipeg	38	17	14	7	41	111	114		
Chicago	41	15	19	7	37	99	135		
Arizona	40	10	26	4	24	89	152		
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Vegas	41	24	15	2	50	145	125		
Anaheim	43	20	16	7	47	125	123		
Los Angeles	41	20	16	5	45	116	113		
San Jose	42	21	19	2	44	115	131		
Calgary	36	18	12	6	42	113	93		
Edmonton	37	19	16	2	42	122	126		
Vancouver	40	18	18	4	40	102	113		
Seattle	40	12	24	4	28	105	145		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 3, Winnipeg 2 (SO)
Ottawa 2, Columbus 1
Los Angeles at New Jersey, late
Florida at Seattle, late
St. Louis at Vancouver, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Anaheim at Boston, 7p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.
Vegas at Washington, 7p.m.
Montreal at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 9p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 9p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Arizona at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7p.m.
Vegas at Carolina, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.
Florida at Winnipeg, 8p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10p.m.
Nashville at Seattle, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Anaheim at Toronto, 7p.m.
Calgary at Columbus, 7p.m.
San Jose at Washington, 7p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30p.m.
Boston at Colorado, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Buffalo 6, Philadelphia 3
Boston 3, Winnipeg 2
N.Y. Rangers 7, Arizona 3
Toronto 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
New Jersey 7, Carolina 4
Washington 3, Ottawa 2 (OT)
Colorado 3, Montreal 2 (OT)
Nashville 4, Detroit 1
Minnesota 4, Chicago 3 (OT)
Edmonton 5, Calgary 3
Tampa Bay 7, San Jose 1

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS				
POINTS	TM	GP	G	A PTS
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	37	28	30 58
Alex Ovechkin	WSH	42	29	29 58
Jon Huberdeau	FLA	41	15	40 55
Connor McDavid	EDM	36	19	36 55
Nazem Kadri	COL	36	15	36 51
Steven Stamkos	TB	36	10	30 50
Mikko Rantanen	COL	36	21	27 48
Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	36	17	30 47
Timo Meier	SJ	37	21	25 46
Adam Fox	NYR	42	7	38 45
Victor Hedman	TB	43	9	35 44
Johnny Gaudreau	CGY	36	15	29 44
Brad Marchand	BOS	33	20	24 44
Artemi Panarin	NYR	37	11	32 43
Joe Pavelski	DAL	38	16	27 43

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CHRIS KREIDER	G	TM	A+	PIM
29	NYR	13	10	14
Alex Ovechkin	29	WSH	29	18
Leon Draisaitl	28	EDM	30	5
Auston Matthews	25	TOR	16	2
Alex DeBrincat	24	CHI	9-12	13
Troy Terry	22	ANA	14	0
Kyle Connor	21	WPG	19	-4
Jake Guentzel	21	PIT	19	0
Tomas Hertl	21	SJS	16	0
Timo Meier	21	SJS	25	15
Mikko Rantanen	21	COL	27	32
Filip Forsberg	20	NSH	12	5
Brad Marchand	20	BOS	24	2
Steven Stamkos	20	TBL	30	10

ASSISTS				
JON. HUBERDEAU	A	TM	G	APG
40	FLA	15	0.98	
Adam Fox	38	NYR	7	0.90
Nazem Kadri	36	COL	15	1.00
Connor McDavid	36	EDM	19	1.00
Victor Hedman	35	TBL	9	0.81
Nathan MacKinnon	33	COL	9	1.14
Kris Letang	32	PIT	3	0.89
Artemi Panarin	32	NYR	11	0.86
Leon Draisaitl	30	EDM	28	0.81

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL				
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG		
at Kennesaw St.	3½	Jacksonville		
Longwood	7½	at Hampton		
Winthrop	3½	at High Points		
Belmont	23½	at E. Illinois		
at Wake Forest	10½	Boston College		
at Northeastern	3½	NC Wilmington		
at Morehead St.	13½	Tennessee State		
at Virginia	3½	Louisville		
New Hampshire	9½	at (Maine)		
at Colgate	11½	Loyola (Md.)		
Florida	5½	at Mississippi		
at George Mason	6½	St. Joseph's (Pa)		
at Murray State	17½	Tennessee Tech		
at North Carolina	4½	Virginia Tech		
at No. Arizona	2½	Sacramento St.		
at Kansas	7	Texas Tech		
E. Washington	6	at Idaho State		
at San Diego St.	10	UNLV		
at Southern Utah	2	Weber State		
at Santa Clara	8½	San Diego		
at Portland State	8	Idaho		
at USC	13	Arizona State		

NBA				
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG	
at Cleveland	off	(off)	New York	
at New Orleans	off	(off)	Indiana	
at Okla. City	off	(off)	Chicago	
at Phoenix	off	(off)	Utah	

NFL PLAYOFFS				
FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDOG	
at L.A. Rams	3½	(46½)	San Fran.	
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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	29	16	.644	—
Philadelphia	27	19	.587	2½
Boston	24	24	.500	6½
Toronto	22	22	.500	6½
New York	23	24	.489	7
SOUTHEAST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Miami	30	17	.638	—
Charlotte	26	21	.553	4
Washington	23	24	.489	7
Atlanta	21	25	.457	8½
Orlando	9	39	.188	21½
CENTRAL				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Chicago	28	17	.622	—
Milwaukee	30	19	.612	—
Cleveland	28	19	.596	1
Indiana	17	30	.362	12
Detroit	11	34	.244	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	32	16	.667	—
Dallas	26	20	.565	5
New Orleans	17	28	.378	13½
San Antonio	17	30	.362	14½
Houston	14	33	.298	17½
NORTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Utah	30	16	.652	—
Denver	23	21	.523	6
Minnesota	22	23	.489	7½
Portland	20	26	.435	10
Oklahoma City	14	32	.304	16
PACIFIC				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Phoenix	36	9	.800	—
Golden State	33	13	.717	3½
L.A. Lakers	23	24	.489	14
L.A. Clippers	23	25	.479	14½
Sacramento	18	30	.375	19½

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
New York 110, L.A. Clippers 102
Boston 116, Washington 87
Portland 114, Toronto 105
Orlando 114, Chicago 95
Miami 113, L.A. Lakers 107
Atlanta 113, Charlotte 91
Philadelphia 115, San Antonio 109
Memphis at Dallas, late
Brooklyn at Minnesota, late
Detroit at Denver, late
Utah at Golden State, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
New York at Cleveland, 7p.m.
Chicago at Oklahoma City, 8p.m.
Indiana at New Orleans, 8p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Charlotte at Toronto, 7p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Washington, 7p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 7:30p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 8p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Charlotte at Indiana, 7p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7p.m.
New York at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Denver at Brooklyn, 8p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Milwaukee 133, Sacramento 127
Cleveland 94, Oklahoma City 87
Phoenix 113, Indiana 103

THREE-POINT ATTEMPTS/GAME				
TEAM	3P	3PA	3P	3PA
Minnesota	643	1884	14.3	41.9
Utah	679	1873	14.8	40.7
Golden State	650	1829	14.1	39.8
Milwaukee	700	1934	14.3	39.5
Houston	626	1805	13.3	38.4
Charlotte	656	1760	14.3	38.3
Portland	607	1710	13.5	38.0
Oklahoma City	533	1719	11.6	37.4
Dallas	558	1695	12.1	36.8
New York	597	1675	13.0	36.4
Orlando	554	1708	11.8	36.3
Denver	553	1598	12.6	36.3
Boston	569	1690	12.1	36.0
Miami	620	1657	13.5	36.0
Detroit	506	1597	11.2	35.5
Indiana	545	1664	11.6	35.4
Toronto	509	1493	11.8	34.7
L.A. Clippers	581	1626	12.4	34.6
L.A. Lakers	558	1588	12.1	34.5
Sacramento	566	1625	11.8	33.9
Cleveland	509	1505	11.7	33.8
New Orleans	509	1505	11.3	33.4
Atlanta	564	1503	12.5	33.4
Memphis	542	1591	11.3	33.1
Phoenix	518	1427	11.5	31.7
Brooklyn	497	1418	11.0	31.5
Philadelphia	500	1415	11.1	31.4
Washington	467	1434	10.2	31.2
San Antonio	504	1432	11.0	31.1
Chicago	509	1333	11.6	30.3

PLAYER	TM	3PA	3P	3PA	3P%
Stephen Curry	GSW	12.8	206	537	.384
Damian Lillard	POR	9.8	92	284	.324
Fred VanVleet	TOR	9.8	156	392	.398
Don. Mitchell	UTA	9.5	128	378	.339
Buddy Hield	SAC	9.1	167	438	.381
through Saturday					

TENNIS

110TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN
Sunday at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia, outdoors-hardcourt
MEN'S FOURTH-ROUND SINGLES
#14 Denis Shapovalov d.
#3 Alexander Zverev, 6-3, 7-6(5), 6-3.
#6 Rafael Nadal d. Adrian Mannarino, 7-6(14), 6-2, 6-2.
#7 Matteo Berrettini d. #19 Pablo Carreno Busta, 7-5, 7-6(4), 6-4.
#17 Gael Monfils d. Miomir Kecmanovic, 7-5, 7-6(4), 6-3.
EARLY MONDAY RESULTS
#2 Daniil Medvedev vs. Maxime Cressy, late
#9 Felix Auger-Aliassime vs. #27 Marin Cilic, late
#11 Jannik Sinner vs. #23 Alex De Minaur, late

WOMEN'S FOURTH-ROUND SINGLES
#1 Ashleigh Barty d. Amanda Anisimova, 6-4, 6-3.
#4 Barbora Krejickova d. #24 Victoria Azaren

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Tuesday: vs. Georgetown at Gampel, 8:30 p.m., CBSN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Wednesday: at DePaul, 8 p.m., TV TBD

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BIG EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lewis paces Marquette past No. 20 Musketeers

Associated Press

Justin Lewis had 20 points and 13 rebounds to pace Marquette to a 75-64 victory over No. 20 Xavier in a Big East men's basketball game Sunday afternoon in Milwaukee. Paul Scruggs hit a layup to get Xavier within 64-59, but the Musketeers did not get another field goal until Jack Nunge's basket with 34 seconds left to make it 73-64. Xavier hit its first six shots of the second half but was just 5 of 26 the rest of the way. Darryl Morsell scored 19 and Kam Jones added 12 points for Marquette (14-6, 6-3 Big East), which shot 53% in the second half. Scruggs had 13 points and Colby

Jones and Adam Kunkel 12 each for Xavier (14-4, 4-3). Xavier, which trailed 33-29 at the half, took the lead at 40-38 on a three-point play by Colby Jones. Kam Jones' reverse layup capped a 10-point run that put Marquette in front, 58-53. Kam Jones converted a steal into a layup at the other end to put the Golden Eagles up by five with just under eight minutes left. The Musketeers are 3-3 in their last six games after an 11-1 start. After a road game at Seton Hall, the Golden Eagles face three ranked teams in a row — at No. 21 Providence, home vs. No. 11 Villanova and then at No. 25 UConn. Marquette already has beaten Providence and Villanova.

No. 21 Providence 69, Butler 62: Providence is still working its way back into shape following a 12-day hiatus as the latest team stricken with a COVID-19 outbreak within its program. The 21st-ranked Friars found just enough energy against Butler to remain atop the Big East standings. Nate Watson had 18 points and seven rebounds, including some big baskets late, to help Providence survive a slow start and hold off the Bulldogs in Providence. It was the third straight win for the Friars (16-2, 6-1), who remained unbeaten at home in conference play. Coach Ed Cooley also got his 210th victory at Providence, moving him past Dave



Marquette's Justin Lewis drives to the basket against Xavier's Jerome Hunter on Sunday in Milwaukee. Lewis had 20 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Golden Eagles to victory. **AARON GASH/AP**

Gavitt (209-84) and into second place at the school behind Joe Mullaney (319-164). The last time Providence was 16-2 was the 1977-78 season. The Friars went to the NCAA Tournament that year, but lost in the first round to Michigan State. Al Durham finished with 12

points and Jared Bynum added 10 points and six assists for the Friars in their second game back since taking their three-game COVID-19 pause. Chuck Harris had 21 points for Butler, which has lost four straight and six of its last seven conference games.

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I'm enjoying teaching the game of basketball, and that's it. There's nothing good about being 69, but you learn what not to do, all the time, and you gain wisdom in your life. You don't have to coach for money. You don't have any motivation to move up the ladder and go anywhere else. You're just teaching and playing." Pitino, who first grabbed attention at a mid-major, Boston University in the late 1970s, has been a coaching superstar, for reasons right and wrong, since he led Providence to the Final Four in 1987. He has had, and left four dream jobs, the Knicks and Celtics in the NBA, and Kentucky and Louisville, winning NCAA titles in both places. He left Louisville amid various scandals and investigations, but found some peace coaching in Greece and then settled on one more dream gig, as he has defined it, to end his career at a small Catholic School in New York, where he was born and raised, or New England. Iona, perennial power in the MAAC before Tim Cluess had to retire for health reasons, coaxed Pitino to New Rochelle, where in his first season he led the Gaels to the MAAC title and

made them the fifth school he has coached in the NCAA Tournament. You can believe his days of wandering and controversies are over, or choose to suspect he's got more in mind than he is letting on, but if Pitino is not relaxed, all in and enjoying himself immensely here, it's a heck of an actor. "It's a wonderful experience," he said. "I really, really enjoy it, and I truly believe we can be as good as the highest level. I think we can become something special. You can't say Gonzaga, because they recruit top five, top 10, but we can become a Loyola of Chicago if we keep recruiting well." Loyola was in the Final Four in 2018 and the Sweet 16 last March. A week or so ago, Pitino tweeted out a long list of teams he considered "Final Four prospects." He included Iona. "Slipped one in there to see if you were paying attention," he posted. Pitino confessed his uneasy sleep was about more than just the missed practice. He was effusive in his praise of Quinnipiac coach Baker Dunleavy and his offense. "I coached against Frank McGuire in his last game, Dean Smith," Pitino said. "Baker Dunleavy, when you play against his teams, they're as tricky as any team I've ever coached

against. He's really, really a terrific coach." Quinnipiac (10-7, 5-4) beat Pitino last once year and, in this first meeting this season, gave it a run. Trailing 21-8 at the start, Quinnipiac staged a 17-2 run to take the lead. The Bobcats stayed basket-for-basket until Tyson Jolly buried a 3-pointer to put Iona ahead 54-51 with 8:26 left. Then Iona, used to playing in tough games, posting notable wins over Alabama, Yale and Harvard and surviving several tests in the conference, pulled away. The Gaels were led by Jolly, who scored 20. "As long as we stay together," said Jolly, a fifth year senior who played previously at Baylor and SMU, "and coach always puts us in position to win, we always have a chance to pull it out." Iona's steady pressure prompted 17 turnovers, and adjusted to take away Quinnipiac's 3-pointer in the second half. Through conventional recruiting and the transfer portal, Pitino has built a team that has above average size and athletic ability for the MAAC. "He just runs a program that has every aspect running on all cylinders," Dunleavy said. "A lot of coaches are strong recruiters, and the coaching part of it they have to figure out. He's got a two-way team. They're huge, they're skilled, and where

I think he doesn't get enough credit is getting them better. His player development program is tremendous. So as a coach who hasn't been in it as long as Rick Pitino, coaches of my generation look at him and just try to learn." Age and assorted baggage have not weighed down on Pitino's ability to coach, nor to tell an entertaining story. His favorite tales now are from his couple of years overseas. He spun one about waiting for a 3 a.m. flight out of Tel Aviv when a couple of players offered to buy him a beer. "I ordered a beer and they ordered double Jack [Daniels] and Cokes," Pitino said. "I said, 'No wonder we're losing.'" Europe was just like the NBA, he said, "except you fly coach." In the MAAC, Pitino shares his gym, works in front of small crowds like the 1,348 at Quinnipiac, and has to ride coaches to and from the games. But by all appearances, he's having himself a ball without all the folderol. "You've heard all your life, 'One rotten apple spoils the bunch,'" Pitino said. "You get one turd on your team, it kills the team. We don't have any. We have all great guys, and by the way, they're big-time basketball players. What makes it fun is the guys you coach."

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Brady

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enough players were blitzing. "It was an all-out blitz. We should've gotten a ton of pressure," Arians said. "Never second guess. Just make sure all 11 [players] are on the same page." Brady signed a contract that locks him in with the Buccaneers through the 2022 season, but in recent days, rumors and reports have emerged that Brady is not yet committed to another season. The social media team for his TB12 brand dropped one hint on Sunday, tweeting shortly after the loss that had the hashtag, "#KeepGoing." But Brady himself was in no mood to talk about it. "We'll just take it day by day and see where we're at," he said. If it was Brady's final game, it wasn't his prettiest stat line, but will go down as one of his grittier performances. Playing without his favorite target (Chris Godwin), his former No. 3 receiver (Antonio Brown), and without his All Pro right tackle (Tristan Wirfs), Brady practically willed the depleted Bucs back into the game. Brady threw 54 passes, completing 30 of them for 329 yards and a touchdown. He hit Mike Evans for an improbable 55-yard score with 3:20 left to give the Bucs hope. Leonard Fournette capped off the comeback with a 9-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-1 with 42 seconds left.

Huskies

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started to make things interesting. Her 3 kicked off UConn's late scoring burst. "She's not afraid of the moments," Auriemma said. "She just plays. A silver lining, right? Who would have thought that she'd be doing this? Nobody gets hurt, everything stays the way it is, maybe she doesn't get an opportunity to play this many minutes. We knew she was good, but we found out that she's really, really good." Ducharme didn't do it alone. Juhász tied her season high in scoring with 16, while senior Olivia Nelson-Ododa finished with career highs in rebounds (18) and assists (10), her second-straight game with a double-double. "Everybody's got to do what they're really, really good at, especially now where we're down a bunch of guys," Auriemma said. "I think Liv gave us her best self tonight, and we all benefited from it." "She set up every single person and got easy layups for us," Juhász added. "She's just such a big piece of our team, and she's been great. Whatever the team needs, she's providing." Redshirt senior Evina West-

brook also hit double figures for the second straight game with 11 points. Early on, UConn struggled to contain St. John's offense, allowing the Red Storm to build a 17-13 lead. But the Huskies started firing on all cylinders in the final two minutes of the period, scoring 12 unanswered points spanning the first and second quarters to retake the advantage. Westbrook and Ducharme hit two straight 3s to put UConn up 31-20, its first double-figure lead of the game, and the Huskies extended the edge to 14 at one point. Leilani Correa (19 points) cut the deficit to nine toward the end of the half, but a Nika Mühl jumper and defensive stop pushed the gap to 42-31 at the break. The Huskies used an 8-3 run featuring six unanswered points to storm ahead by 16 at the beginning of the second half, but their offense sputtered from there. Though St. John's made it an 11-point game, Ducharme got going offensively, which, along with a pair of Westbrook free throws, gave UConn a 61-46 lead at the end of the third. Still making things tough for the Huskies, the Red Storm scored the first seven points of the fourth to make it an eight-point game at the 8:53 mark. UConn's offensive issues popped up again, as the Huskies committed 10 of its 16 turnovers in the second half, off which St. John's

scored 24 points. "We still haven't gotten completely over that hump," Auriemma said. "We have a tendency to let teams back in, and a lot of times it's just what we do. ... They kept playing, and we started throwing the ball to them, and next thing you know it's an eight-point game. "We have to have the where-withal. We have to see the game in a way that sometimes we see it and it gets us a 14-point lead and then we don't see it and it hurts us a little bit." The Huskies got it together after Auriemma called a timeout. Ducharme and Juhász scored 10 straight points, allowing the Huskies to pull away for good. Juhász, who reached double figures for the second straight game, sank her second 3 of the game and hit a layup in that stretch. "I took much responsibility from [the Oregon] loss, watching the game back, and the next few days were pretty tough emotionally," Juhász said about her performance. "I knew I had to change and I had to be more helpful for my team and contribute more offensively, defensively ... just had to switch something in my mind, be aggressive and just help my team." Allowing St. John's to rally late may not have been ideal, but Auriemma was pleased with how

his team's lulls were shorter and fixed quicker than in previous games. "We didn't kind of wallow in it, which was really good," Auriemma said. "So we've made a lot of progress this last week or so since we got back from Oregon. I think we're a little bit better team than the team that went up there."

Aubrey Griffin, Christyn Williams make cameos

Junior forward Aubrey Griffin and senior guard Christyn Williams were with the team Sunday: Williams following her COVID-19 isolation and Griffin 13 days after back surgery. Griffin hadn't been with the team since just before her surgery and is out for the season. Williams wasn't in uniform for the game, as she still needs to undergo return-to-play protocols, which Auriemma said can take four or five days. Prior to the program announcing Thursday's game at South Carolina has been canceled, Auriemma said the team is "hoping to hear that she'll be available on Thursday, but I don't get to make that decision. But she'll start doing something right away." He added there's "probably a good chance that the same team

that played [Sunday] is the team that will have to play Thursday." With the Huskies now playing at DePaul on Wednesday, it is unclear what Williams' status will be for that game.

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UConn 75, St. John's 57										
UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT			
Ducharme	40	13-22	0-0	5	3	2	28			
Juhasz	28	7-13	0-1	9	1	0	16			
Westbrook	39	3-11	3-5	4	3	1	11			
Muhl	40	4-9	0-0	5	3	2	9			
Nelson-Ododa	32	1-4	1-2	18	10	3	3			
Edwards	21	4-7	0-0	3	0	1	8			
TOTALS	—	32-66	4-8	45	20	9	75			

Three-point goals: 7-23, 30.4 (Juhasz 2-5, Westbrook 2-5, Ducharme 2-8, Muhl 1-5). FG pct.: 48.5. FT pct.: 50.0. Team rebounds: 1. Turnovers: 16 (Muhl 4, Westbrook 3, Edwards 3, Ducharme 2, Nelson-Ododa 2, Juhasz, Team). Blocks: 5 (Nelson-Ododa 2, Edwards 2, Ducharme). Steals: 7 (Muhl 4, Edwards 2, Ducharme). St. John's M FG FT RB A PF PT Bailey 37 10-17 1-2 2 3 1 21 Correa 38 7-14 3-5 4 2 0 19 Drake 38 3-7 0-0 4 4 2 6 Patterson 26 1-6 0-0 1 0 1 3 Peoples 36 0-2 2-2 5 0 2 2 Cosgrove 16 1-6 0-0 2 1 2 3 Clegg 7 1-1 0-0 0 0 1 3 Nolan 2 0-1 0-0 1 0 0 0 TOTALS — 23-54 6-9 22 10 9 57 Three-point goals: 5-18, 27.8 (Correa 2-4, Clegg 1-1, Patterson 1-3, Cosgrove 1-5, Nolan 0-1, Bailey 0-2, Drake 0-2). FG pct.: 42.6. FT pct.: 66.7. Team rebounds: 3. Turnovers: 16 (Bailey 4, Drake 3, Patterson 3, Cosgrove 3, Correa, Clegg, Team). Blocks: 3 (Correa 3). Steals: 6 (Bailey 3, Correa, Drake, Peoples). UConn: 20; 22; 19; 14; —; 75 St. John's: 17; 14; 15; 11; —; 57 Officials: Saucedo, Gloss, Gallien. Att.: 945at Carnesecca Arena, Queens, N.Y.



Safety Tip of the Day

Don't just follow speed limits and be aware of the vehicles in front of and around you. Staying safe also means paying close attention to the road signs and all local traffic rules.



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NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS



Matt Gay kicks a 30-yard field goal as time expires to lift the Rams over the Buccaneers 30-27 on Sunday in Tampa, Florida. JOHN RAOUX/AP

NFC RAMS 30, BUCCANEERS 27

Rams right at the end

After blowing 24-point lead, FG sends them past Brady, Bucs

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Matthew Stafford outplayed Tom Brady in the final minute, moving the Rams into position for a last-second field goal that gave the NFC West champions a 30-27 victory over the Buccaneers on Sunday after the seven-time Super Bowl champion led his team on a late tying drive. Stafford threw for 366 yards and two touchdowns, and Matt Gay's 30-yard field goal as time expired sent the Rams (14-5) into next Sunday's NFC championship game at home against the division-rival 49ers. Brady rallied the Bucs from a 27-3 second-half deficit with help from three Rams turnovers, tying the game on Leonard Fournette's 9-yard run on fourth-and-inches with 42 seconds remaining. The NFL's all-time passing leader didn't get an opportunity to finish the job. Stafford led the Rams downfield after the ensuing kickoff, using completions of 20 and 44 yards to league receiving leader Cooper Kupp to set up Gay's third field goal. "We knew it wasn't going to be easy," Stafford said. "I mean, we sure let them back

in the game with a bunch of mistakes on offense. Our defense played outstanding. We've got to clean some stuff up, do a little better job in the turnover department. "This is a tough team, man, this is what we're all about. Just happy to get a win and keep on moving." Earlier, Stafford found Kupp wide open behind the Bucs secondary on a 70-yard scoring play that put the Rams up 17-3 early in the second quarter. "Man, he's the heart and soul of this offense," Stafford said of Kupp, who had nine catches for 183 yards but also lost a fumble.. "What he's able to do down in, down out, whether it's in the pass game, run game — he's an unbelievable competitor." Stafford, who had never won a postseason game before beating the Cardinals in the previous week's wild-card round, completed 28 of 38 passes without an interception. The 13-year veteran also scored on a 1-yard run. Brady completed 30 of 54 passes for 329 yards, one TD and one interception. He was sacked three times and lost a fumble. Fournette also scored on a 1-yard run for the Bucs, who pulled within 27-20 on Brady's 55-yard TD throw to Mike Evans with 3:20 left. The Bucs (14-5), who lost to the Rams for third time in two seasons, were trying to become the first team to repeat as Super

Bowl champions since the Brady-led Patriots during the 2004 season. Stafford played one of his best games of the season in the September meeting, when he threw for four TDs and no interceptions in a 34-24 Rams win in Los Angeles. He got off to another fast start Sunday, completing nine of his first 12 passes for 176 yards and the TDs to Kendall Blanton and Kupp to open a 17-3 lead early in the second quarter. It was 20-3 at halftime, and the Bucs were fortunate their deficit wasn't bigger. With the Rams on the verge of scoring again in the closing seconds of the second quarter, Cam Akers fumbled at the Bucs 1 and the Bucs' Antoine Winfield recovered to keep the defending champs to keep from falling further behind. Akers initially was ruled down by contact, but a lengthy review of the play determined the ball was beginning to come loose before the running back's helmet hit the turf. The Rams built the lead to 27-3 on Stafford's quarterback sneak, with help along the way from some uncharacteristic mistakes by the Bucs. That included unsportsmanlike conduct penalties on defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh for taunting and Brady, who was flagged while arguing unsuccessfully for what he felt should have been a penalty on the Rams for a hit that appeared to bloody his lip.

NFC 49ERS 13, PACKERS 10

Field of Gould: Kick knocks off No. 1 seed Pack

49ers head to NFC title game behind special teams, defense

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Robbie Gould lived up to his name. On a field littered with snow flurries, Gould made a 45-yard field goal Saturday night as time expired and the 49ers knocked off the top-seeded Packers 13-10. Gould has made all 20 of his career play-off field-goal attempts. His latest helped the 49ers complete an improbable comeback by scoring 10 unanswered points in the last five minutes. "I always trust Robbie. He's as good as gold, man," 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo said. "He always is." The 49ers (12-7) continued their postseason hex on Rodgers and advanced to an NFC championship game matchup Jan. 30 against the NFC West rival Rams in Los Angeles. This marks the 17th conference championship appearance for the 49ers, the most by any team since conferences were formed in the 1970 merger. The 49ers had been tied with the Steelers. The 49ers' win, coupled with the Bengals' 19-16 victory over the Titans earlier in the day, marked the first time both No. 1 seeds lost in the divisional round in the same season since 2010. The Packers beat the Falcons and the Jets topped the Patriots that season.



Veteran placekicker Robbie Gould (9) celebrates after sending the 49ers to the NFC title game with a last-play, 45-yard field goal Saturday night against the Packers. MORRY GASH/AP

"It's dangerous. When a team gets hot, it's dangerous," Garoppolo added. "So we've just got to keep this thing going, focus on next week now, and keep this thing rolling." Aaron Rodgers went 20 of 29 for 225 yards and dropped to 0-4 in career playoff starts against the 49ers. He's the first quarterback in NFL history to lose four playoff starts to a single opponent. The Packers (13-5) earned the NFC's top seed for a second straight season and were the league's only unbeaten team at home, but again failed to reach the big game. They haven't made it to the Super Bowl since their 2010 championship season. "I just didn't envision it like this," said the Packers' Aaron Jones, who had nine catches

for 129 yards and 12 carries for 41 yards. The 49ers tied the game with 4:41 left thanks to a breakdown by the Packers' special teams, the team's biggest weakness. Jordan Willis' outstretched left hand blocked a punt by Corey Bojorquez, who was kicking from the front of his end zone. Tala-noa Hufanga picked up the ball at the 6-yard line and ran it in to make it 10-10. After the Packers went three-and-out, the 49ers got the ball back at their 29 with 3:20 left and drove into field-goal range. Deebo Samuel delivered a 9-yard run on third-and-7 from the Packers 38, and the 49ers ran down the clock to set up Gould. The 49ers blocked a Packers field-goal attempt earlier in the game.

NOTES

Brady return next season far from lock

Associated Press

If Tom Brady played the last game of an unprecedented career, he ended with one of his toughest losses after a stunning comeback. The Rams' 30-27 victory over the Buccaneers on Sunday sent them home to host the 49ers in the NFC championship game next week. The Rams ended the Bucs' bid to become the NFL's first repeat champions since Brady led the Patriots to consecutive titles following the 2003-04 seasons. Have the Rams also ended Brady's career? "Truthfully, guys, I'm thinking about this game. I'm not thinking about past five minutes from now," Brady said. Brady is under contract for 2022 but his return isn't definite. "I haven't put a lot of thought into it, taking it day by day," Brady said. In late September, Brady said he plans to play at least one more season, but he indicated several times since that returning will be a family decision. Asked last month when he'll know it's time to retire, Brady said: "That's a good question. I don't know. I think I'll have to just, after every year, think about what the situation looks like for me, personally and professionally. Obviously, I love playing; I don't think my love will go away. I think I'll be able to do it, it's just the other things are kind of happening in my life, in regard to family situations. My kids are not getting younger, and I want to make sure that they get what they need, too."

No end to Titans' troubles: The Titans had the No. 1 seed and home-field advantage along with Derrick Henry making a return just in time for the postseason. Once again, playing in Music City just wasn't enough for this franchise. Not with all the mistakes the Titans made Saturday in losing their AFC divisional game to the Bengals 19-16. "It's super shocking," Titans left tackle Taylor Lewan said. The Titans lost for the third time as the AFC's No. 1 seed.

SUNDAY'S SUMMARY

L.A. RAMS 30, TAMPA BAY 27					
L.A. Rams	10	10	7	3	— 30
Tampa Bay	3	0	10	14	— 27
First Quarter					
LAR:	FG Gay 26, 8:01.				
LAR:	Blanton 7 pass from Stafford (Gay kick), 3:28.				
TB:	FG Succop 45, :32.				
Second Quarter					
LAR:	Kupp 70 pass from Stafford (Gay kick), 14:17.				
LAR:	FG Gay 40, 2:19.				
Third Quarter					
LAR:	Stafford 1 run (Gay kick), 7:07.				
TB:	FG Succop 31, 3:02.				
TB:	Fournette 1 run (Succop kick), :12.				
Fourth Quarter					
TB:	M. Evans 55 pass from Brady (Succop kick), 3:20.				
TB:	Fournette 9 run (Succop kick), :42.				
LAR:	FG Gay 30, :00.				
TEAM STATS					
	LAR		TB		
First downs	24		20		
Total net yards	428		359		
Rushes-yards	30-73		14-51		
Passing	355		308		
Punt returns	3-60		2-7		
Kickoff returns	1-19		4-62		
Interceptions ret.	1-0		0-0		
Comp-att-int	28-38-0		30-54-1		
Sacked-yards lost	2-11		3-21		
Punts	4-48.75		4-53.0		
Fumbles-lost	4-4		1-1		
Penalties-yards	4-45		4-61		
Time of possession	34:08		25:52		

RUSHING: L.A. Rams, C.Akers 24-48, Jefferson 1-15, Stafford 4-6, Michel 1-4. Tampa Bay, Fournette 13-51, Brady 1-0.
PASSING: L.A. Rams, Stafford 28-38-0-366. Tampa Bay, Brady 30-54-1-329.
RECEIVING: L.A. Rams, Kupp 9-183, Beckham 6-69, Higbee 4-51, C.Akers 3-20, Jefferson 2-29, Blanton 2-18, Michel 2-(-4). Tampa Bay, Fournette 9-56, Evans 8-119, Gronkowski 4-85, Miller 4-38, Johnson 3-15, Brate 1-9, Howard 1-7.
INTERCEPTIONS: L.A. Rams, Scott 1-0.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: L.A. Rams, Long 7-0-0, D.Williams 5-2-0, Donald 3-2-1, Scott 3-2-0, Miller 3-1-1, Ramsey 3-1-0, Howard 2-4-0, Floyd 2-2-1, Weddle 2-2-0, Reeder 1-2-0, Robinson 1-2-0, Burgess 1-1-0, Gaines 1-1-0, C.Akers 1-0-0, Havenstein 1-0-0, Okoronkwo 1-0-0. Tampa Bay, Winfield 8-1-0, David 7-4-0, Dean 5-2-0, White 4-4-0, Whitehead 4-3-0, Suh 3-3-5, Murphy-Bunting 2-2-0, Nunez-Roches 2-2-0, Vea 2-1-1, Barrett 2-1-0, Gholston 2-1-0, Davis 1-1-0, Edwards 1-0-0, Pierre-Paul 0-2-5, Nelson 0-1-0.
MISSED FG: L.A. Rams, Gay 47. Tampa Bay, Succop 48.

SATURDAY'S LATE SUMMARY

SAN FRANCISCO 13, GREEN BAY 10

San Francisco	0	0	3	10	— 13
Green Bay	7	0	0	3	— 10
First Quarter					
GB: Dillon 6run (Crosby kick), 9:25.					
Third Quarter					
SF: FG Gould 29, 8:13.					
Fourth Quarter					
GB: FG Crosby 33, 11:27.					
SF: Hufanga 6blocked punt return (Gould kick), 4:41.					
SF: FG Gould 45, :00.					

TEAM STATS

	SF	GB
First downs	12	14
Total net yards	212	263
Rushes-yards	29-106	20-67
Passing	106	196
Punt returns	3-22	2-11
Kickoff returns	3-91	3-66
Interceptions ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-att-int	11-19-1	20-29-0
Sacked-yards lost	4-25	5-29
Punts	5-46.8	6-39.167
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	5-40	5-25
Time of possession	29:24	30:36

RUSHING: San Francisco, Mitchell 17-53, Samuel 10-39, Juszczyk 2-14. Green Bay, Jones 12-41, Dillon 7-25, St. Brown 1-1.
PASSING: San Francisco, Garoppolo 11-19-1-131. Green Bay, Aa.Rodgers 20-29-0-225.
RECEIVING: San Francisco, Kittle 4-63, Samuel 3-44, Mitchell 3-18, Jennings 1-6. Green Bay, Jones 9-129, Adams 9-90, Lazard 1-6, Lewis 1-0.
PUNT RETURNS: San Francisco, Benjamin 3-22. Green Bay, Am.Rodgers 2-11.
KICKOFF RETURNS: San Francisco, Samuel 2-59, Hasty 1-32. Green Bay, Am.Rodgers 3-66.
INTERCEPTIONS: Green Bay, Amos 1-0.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: San Francisco, Johnson 5-1-0, Moseley 5-0-0, Warner 4-2-0, Greenlaw 3-3-0, Armstead 3-2-2, Tarrt 3-2-0, Ward 3-1-0, Bosa 3-0-2, Ebukam 3-0-1, K.Williams 3-0-0, Jones 2-2-0, Al-Shaair 2-1-0, Willis 1-1-0, Kittle 1-0-0, Street 1-0-0, Key 0-1-0. Green Bay, P.Smith 6-3-0, Campbell 6-1-0, Barnes 4-3-0, Clark 4-2-1, Gary 4-2-0, Amos 3-2-0, Stokes 3-1-0, Sullivan 3-0-0, Douglas 2-2-0, Lowry 1-3-0, Black 1-1-0, Z.Smith 1-0-1, Lancaster 1-0-0, Lewis 1-0-0, Slaton 1-0-0, King 0-1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS: Green Bay, Crosby 39.

SPORTS



Gradey Dick, a senior guard at Sunrise Christian in Bel Aire, Kansas, with his mother Carmen on their backyard court. COURTESY PHOTO

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Top 10 recruit Gradey Dick gets love of basketball from his mother

By Shreyas Laddha

Carmen Dick was in her element. The former basketball pro stuck her hips out, got low, firmly planted her feet in the lower block of her backyard court in Wichita, Kansas, and rhythmically dribbled, waiting for her moment. She was ready to make her move, the same move she had made over a 1,000 times. The only person that stood between her and the sweet sound of a swish was her middle-school-aged son, Gradey. She spun right and extended her arms upward for her patented baby hook and got ready to release the ball. This time, he was ready for it and blocked the shot with zero remorse. The tide had finally shifted. Gradey had finally bested his mom.

Nowadays, Gradey Dick is a big deal. The 6-foot-6, 195-pound, 18 year old guard plays at Sunrise Christian in Bel Aire, Kansas, currently the top-ranked school in the ESPN High School Boys' Basketball Top 25. He's ranked No. 8 in the Class of 2022 by ESPN and No. 24 according to 247sports. He has committed to Kansas University, No. 7 in the AP poll and set to play No. 18 Texas Tech on Monday night (9 p.m. EST, ESPN).

Though Gradey grew up playing against his mom, they have different specialties. Carmen, who played basketball at Iowa State and competed for a year professionally in Japan, specialized in post moves and never shot 3s. Gradey is one of the best shooters in his class with impressive range beyond the arc.

At the HoopHall Classic in Springfield earlier this month, Gradey showcased his range with 14 points and 11 rebounds in a 72-68 overtime win over No. 18 Combine Academy. He can play multiple positions. He thinks that will be his biggest strength in the college game.

"I think my versatility and just the ways to do different things on the court," Gradey said. "If something's not working, I can just focus on other things, different aspects of my game."

He still has work to do on the

defensive end. "I feel like I can always get better on my defense," he said. "That's one thing I can always grow on."

His mom agrees. "I think he needs to keep his intensity up and attack," Carmen said. "Sometimes, I see him as a spectator. ... I think sometimes they think so much and they need to let it go. I want him to keep that tenacity and hard work going all the time."

Carmen's basketball journey was a bit different than her son's. She grew up playing six-on-six in her Iowa high school. "So, when I played in high school, Iowa and Oklahoma were the last two states to switch to five-on-five," Carmen said. "You have three forwards on one side and three guards on another and I could not cross the half-court line."

At 6-2, she was a forward. They were only allowed to take two dribbles, and she stayed on offense the entire time. Carmen was lethal on the offensive end.

"I scored a lot of points," Carmen said. "Fifty to 60 points wasn't uncommon. That was because all I did was play offense. I did a lot of bunnies. I stood under the basket. They threw me the ball and put a bunny in. It was kind of different basketball."

Carmen received a lot of attention from various colleges but only went on five recruiting visits. She ended up staying close to home, picking Iowa State, where she played four years. At that time, with no WNBA, the women had to continue their professional career internationally. Carmen ended up playing basketball in Japan with a team sponsored by Fujitsu, a telecommunications company. For Carmen, it was a tough transition.

"It was one of the hardest years of my life," she said. "I flew to Tokyo and didn't know the language at all. I lived in an apartment by myself."

Not only was it an intense basketball experience, but it came with a day job. She worked as an English assistant for the company where she would translate documents. The entire year she was

engaged to Gradey's dad, Bart. They would write letters to each other.

"I'm glad I did it," Carmen said. "It was a great experience, and I would do it all over again."

In contrast, Gradey's basketball journey to signing with Kansas has been a little less chaotic.

At Sunrise Christian, his day is built around two things: basketball and academics. From early-morning shootarounds to classes to practice at the end of the day, his day is entirely structured. Gradey began to make some noise on the recruiting trail right before his sophomore year.

"Probably the summer before my sophomore year is kind of when it blew up for me," Gradey said. "A showcase in Missouri, I got my first offer before that. I went to this Team USA minicamp, and after that I had seven offers."

The process of recruitment between him and his mother was quite different.

"[Recruiting] was so much different because of social media," Carmen said. "You know, coaches can call him and text him. You know, they had to call me on a landline."

COVID-19 affected the process as well. The Dick family didn't do as many official visits, but the year before COVID-19 started, they went on a number of unofficial visits, including going to Carmen's alma mater, Iowa State.

"Iowa State was never in the picture," Carmen said. "He's like, 'No, I don't think so ma.' I was like, 'OK, that's fine.'"

For Carmen and Bart, they wanted Gradey to make the decision. For Gradey, it ended up being KU, where he hopes to win a national championship.

"We never pushed Kansas because we wanted him to make that decision," Carmen said. "The coach, the team, the academics and everything fit for what he wanted to accomplish."

For Gradey, whose three siblings went to Kansas, it always felt like home.

"It was always a dream school growing up," Gradey said.

RED SOX

Despite slumps, Red Sox never give up on Bradley Jr.

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

It was the middle of May 2018 and Alex Cora was just two months into his first big league managing gig when the Red Sox opened a four-game series at home against the Orioles.

Jackie Bradley Jr., one of the organization's brightest young stars who had a .793 OPS combined from 2015-17, went 1-for-10 in the series, striking out seven times.

His average fell to .165 while his OPS was .519, making him one of the worst hitters in the big leagues. Over a span of 81 at-bats from mid-April to mid-May, Bradley struck out 39 times (48%).

It was one of Cora's first tests as the Boston skipper: stick with a guy who looked overmatched and often just fooled at the plate, or find someone else — anyone else — who could give him some competitive at-bats.

"Little by little, Jackie," Cora said at the time. "Little by little, they're coming around. Just stay with the process."

Cora found any tiny thing about Bradley's approach that he liked and focused on that. The coaches tried a few things, changing Bradley's slot with his hands, tinkering with a leg kick that made it difficult to get into a rhythm and working with a toe tap to help his timing.

They got rid of the leg kick for a game, and that night Bradley hit a foul ball that caught Cora's attention. His timing was a little bit better. That was a pitch he would've missed completely a few days earlier.

"We keep looking at the video, but I think in the end, it's how comfortable he feels," Cora said.

In June, Bradley was still struggling.

"I don't want to suck," Bradley said then. "It's a long season. You have the opportunity to continue to grind."

What happened over the next four months was a reminder that no matter how bad Bradley's swing can look, he's a player not to be abandoned.

He hit .260 with an .801 OPS in July, then continued it on through August and September, posting an OPS over .800 each month.

"He's probably one of our best hitters," Cora said that July.

When the playoffs rolled around, Bradley found another gear.

In a highly anticipated matchup with the defending World Series champion Astros, Bradley had three hits, all of them huge as he drove in nine runs on a double and two homers to lead the Sox into the World Series.

The feeling in the locker room was joy for two players in particular: David Price, who had finally earned his first postseason win as a starter after 11 winless attempts, and Bradley, who had endured a historically bad first half to become an impact player.

"I knew what kind of player he is," Mookie Betts said at the time. "He's proven it. ... He's just a normal dude with freakish talent."



Outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. had a rough 2021 season with the Milwaukee Brewers, but now he's back with the Red Sox, where he's played his way out of slumps before. MORRY GASH/AP

During the awkward pandemic-shortened season in 2020, the Red Sox hung onto Bradley when they couldn't find much in return for him at the trade deadline, then watched him hit .326 with a .985 OPS in September.

The Sox let him walk in free agency, and Bradley signed a two-year, \$24 million deal with the Brewers. He never found a groove in Milwaukee, where the team gave up on him after a poor first half that mirrored his bad start in 2018.

He became a bench player for much of the second half in 2021, when he had just 130 plate appearances, never hit a home run and ended the season dealing with plantar fasciitis.

When the Red Sox acquired him in exchange for Hunter Renfroe and two prospects before the lock-out started on Dec. 1, much of the baseball world was surprised.

In Boston, it was hard to feel that way.

The Sox don't usually give up on Bradley.

But the question is, where do the Red Sox play him?

They have Alex Verdugo, who was rock-solid in right field in 2020 but was mediocre in left field during 2021; Kiké Hernández, who was great in center field in '21 but fits more as a second baseman on their current roster; and Jarren Duran, who struggled during his first big league opportunity but remains one of the franchise's top prospects.

Bradley was "the captain of our defense" for Cora's squad in '18, and chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom said he could play center or right in '22, depending on Cora's preferred alignment.

The Sox are likely to add another right-handed hitting outfielder before the season begins, but expect Bradley to get playing time on the strong side of a platoon in the outfield, where the Sox were a defensive liability one year ago.

OLYMPICS

Italy's Goggia eyes return for Olympic downhill after crash

By Andrew Dampf
Associated Press

Sofia Goggia is going to need to recover in a hurry from a series of injuries following another crash on Sunday if she's going to be able to defend her Olympic downhill title next month.

Goggia would have been an overwhelming favorite for another gold — or two: she's also a force in super-G.

But she sprained her left knee, partially tore a knee ligament and suffered a "minor fracture" of the fibula — plus some tendon damage — when she did the splits at high speed then tumbled down the mountain during a World Cup super-G in Cortina d'Ampezzo, the Italian ski team said after a medical evaluation in Milan.

The crash came a day after Goggia won a downhill in Cortina with another wild run — a victory she labeled "one of the greatest wins" of her career.

Goggia will start physical rehab on Monday with the aim of returning in time for the downhill at the Beijing Olympics on Feb. 15.

She'll therefore likely miss the Olympic giant slalom on Feb. 7 and the super-G on Feb. 11. She'll need to enter at least one downhill training session on Feb. 12, 13



Italy's Sofia Goggia reacts in the finish area of a women's World Cup super-G race in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, on Sunday. ALESSANDRO TROVATI/AP

or 14 to compete in the downhill — but preferably all three on a new course that she's never been on before.

"I'm upset," Goggia said. "It's not a break that I needed in such an important time of the season, but I'm already going to start physical therapy in the coming hours, with the aim of trying to defend the Olympic title in the event that I love most."

Goggia was nominated to carry Italy's flag at the Feb. 4 opening

ceremony of the Olympics, but it's now unclear if she'll be able to travel to China by then.

The make-or-break Goggia also had a high-speed crash during a downhill at Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria, last weekend. She escaped serious injury in that crash but was banged up to the point that she said she couldn't walk on Monday.

Like the crash in Austria, Goggia's latest fall occurred on a section of the Cortina course

where shadows made visibility difficult.

Goggia was 0.07 of a second behind teammate Elena Curtoni — the race winner — at the second checkpoint when she made an error and had to check her skis to stay within the course.

Goggia then lost control as her skis rattled on the hard surface. She ended up doing the splits, was bumped into the air and landed on her back before tumbling down the course, through the next gate, eventually coming to a stop without hitting the safety nets.

After being tended to briefly, Goggia clicked back into her skis and made her way down to the finish under her own power. But she was visibly discouraged and hobbled away with the help of two team members.

Goggia wasn't the only skier who struggled on a difficult course-set that resulted in 22 of 57 racers not finishing.

Overall World Cup leader Mikaela Shiffrin didn't take many risks and placed 16th.

"Sofia's crash today was a humbling reminder of how brutal this sport can be," Shiffrin wrote on Instagram. "But seeing that there still is a chance for her to race DH (at) Olympics gives some hope."

"Watching her get up as soon as

she was able and ski down after that is a testament to not only her strength and toughness, but her never-give-up mentality."

With American downhiller Breezy Johnson also dealing with injuries after also crashing twice in two weeks, the status of the top two downhillers for the Olympics is in question.

Johnson placed second behind Goggia in the opening three downhill this season.

"We are crossing our fingers to have the (No.) 1 and (No.) 2 best downhill skiers in the world racing at the Olympics," Shiffrin said.

Goggia already missed her home world championships in Cortina last season after breaking a bone in her right knee.

She has won six World Cup races this season — four in downhill and two in super-G.

While developing into the most dominant downhiller since Lindsey Vonn — Goggia won seven straight downhill that she entered over this season and last — the Italian has had numerous knee injuries throughout her career. She has torn the ACL in her right knee twice and once in her left knee — just to mention some of her more serious injuries.

Goggia's partially torn ligament was already operated on in 2013.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

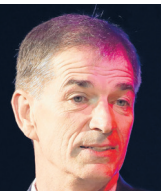
SHORTS

Rodgers enters uncertain postseason



Aaron Rodgers heads into another offseason of uncertainty after one more frustrating finish to a brilliant year. The Packers’ season ended Saturday night with a stunning 13-10 NFC divisional playoff loss to the 49ers. “A little numb, for sure,” Rodgers said. “I didn’t think it was going to end like this.” But was this just the end of Rodgers’ season? Or is it the end of his remarkable tenure in Green Bay? The shocking finish capped a turbulent year in which Rodgers skipped the Packers’ mandatory minicamp; missed a game due to a positive COVID-19 test after making misleading comments about his vaccination status; but still earned All-Pro honors and put himself in position for a possible fourth MVP award. Rodgers, 38, didn’t want to speculate on his future. He said last month that he hadn’t ruled out any possibility, including returning to the Packers, requesting a trade or retiring. “I don’t think it’s fair to anybody or myself to really go down those paths at this point,” Rodgers said. “It’s disappointing, sad and fresh. I’ll have conversations in the next week or so and start to contemplate after that.”

Gonzaga suspends Stockton’s tickets



Gonzaga suspended John Stockton’s basketball season tickets after the Hall of Fame point guard refused to comply with the university’s mask mandate. Stockton has come out against COVID-19 vaccines, mask mandates and other protective measures. Last June, he participated in a documentary titled “COVID and the Vaccine: Truth, Lies and Misconceptions Revealed.” Stockton also has pushed the lie that more than 100 pro athletes have died after receiving the COVID vaccine. It’s a claim that has circulated on social media for months, and has been rejected by medical experts. In a statement, Gonzaga officials said they are committed to implementing health and safety protocols, which include an indoor mask mandate. Stockton, 59, played for Gonzaga from 1980 to 1984. The team has since retired his No. 12. The Spokane native was a first-round draft pick of the Jazz in 1984 and set an NBA record with 15,806 career assists before his retirement in 2003. He and his family have lived in Spokane since then, and he has been a fixture at Gonzaga basketball games.

Allen gets 1-game ban for hard foul



Bucks guard Grayson Allen was suspended by the NBA for one game on Sunday for his hard foul on Alex Caruso that resulted in a broken right wrist for the Bulls guard. Allen will serve his suspension Wednesday when the Bucks visit the Cavaliers. Caruso was driving to the basket Friday night when a hard foul by Allen caused him to land on his right side. Caruso lay on the floor for a few minutes, though he stayed in the game to attempt the free throws that resulted from Allen’s flagrant 2 foul. The Bulls announced Saturday that Caruso needs surgery and will be re-evaluated in six to eight weeks. Bulls coach Billy Donovan said of the suspension that the NBA “has to evaluate those situations based on their criteria that they set up ... maybe there are people who think, ‘You know what, he should be out as long as Alex is out.’ All of those things, they’re ... not my decisions.” Donovan also said Sunday that the best thing is to move on. Caruso was playing in just his second game back after missing more than a month because of a foot injury and a stint in the health and safety protocols. —AP



Rafael Nadal celebrates after winning a point during his fourth-round victory Sunday at the Australian Open. SIMON BAKER/AP

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

The long and short of it

After marathon tiebreaker, Nadal hits cruise control

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Rafael Nadal finally got the better of a crazy, long tiebreaker and knew he’d won half the battle. After saving four set points and missing with the first six of his own, Nadal finally clinched a tiebreaker that lasted 28 minutes and 40 seconds to set himself on course to secure a spot in the Australian Open quarterfinals for a 14th time. After his 7-6 (14), 6-2, 6-2 fourth-round victory over fellow lefty Adrian Mannarino on Sunday, Nadal is potentially just three wins away from a men’s record 21st Grand Slam singles title. He later reflected on a tiebreaker where momentum swung wildly; where chants of “Let’s go Rafa, Let’s go!” rang out; where a point was decided on a 25-shot rally with both players scrambling at full stretch; and that ended only when Nadal volleyed from deep in the court and Mannarino’s reflex reply skewed wide. “Well, you know, I played a couple,” he said, smiling, in reference to long tiebreakers. “But, yeah, (it was) a crazy one, chances for both. And, yeah, lucky to win that tiebreak at the end, no?” “Half of the match in the tiebreak, without a doubt.” Nadal will next play Denis Shapovalov, the 22-year-old Canadian who finished off a 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3 win over Olympic gold medalist Alexander Zverev on Margaret Court Arena

less than an hour later to reach the last eight in Australia for the first time. Women’s No. 1 Ash Barty advanced to the quarters for the fourth straight year when she beat 20-year-old American Amanda Anisimova 6-4, 6-3. Barty is aiming to be the first Australian woman to win her home Grand Slam title since 1978 and has gone through the first four rounds without dropping a set. Anisimova, coming off a third-round upset over defending champion Naomi Osaka, broke Barty’s opening service game of the second set — a first for the tournament — but the two-time major winner responded by taking six of the last seven games. Barty beat Anisimova in the semifinals of the French Open in 2019 on the way to winning her first Grand Slam title and won her second at Wimbledon last year. She’ll next play No. 21-seeded Jessica Pegula, who beat fifth-seeded Maria Sakkari 7-6 (0), 6-3. French Open champion Barbora Krejčíková breezed to a 6-2, 6-2 win over two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka and is into the last eight for the third time in four Grand Slam events. Wimbledon runner-up Matteo Berrettini earned a 7-5, 7-6 (4), 6-4 win over 19th-seeded Pablo Carreno Busta in the last match on Day 7. The seventh-seeded Berrettini has now reached the quarterfinals at all four of the tennis majors and will next play No. 17 Gael Monfils, who beat Miomir Kecmanovic 7-5, 7-6 (4), 6-3. The 35-year-old Monfils made it to the last eight for the second time in 17 trips to Melbourne Park.

At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO MONDAY: U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev will take on No. 70-ranked Maxime Cressy in the fourth round as he continues his bid to become the first man in the Open era to win a second Grand Slam singles title at the next major tournament. Medvedev has been the highest-ranked player at Melbourne Park since nine-time champion Novak Djokovic was deported on the eve of the Australian Open for not meeting the country’s strict COVID-19 vaccination requirements. On the women’s side, two-time major winner Simona Halep faces 32-year-old Alize Cornet of France and No. 2-ranked Aryna Sabalenka plays Kaia Kanepi. **SUNDAY’S RESULTS** **Women’s fourth round:** No. 1 Ash Barty beat Amanda Anisimova 6-4, 6-3; No. 4 Barbora Krejčíková beat No. 24 Victoria Azarenka 6-2, 6-2; No. 21 Jessica Pegula beat No. 5 Maria Sakkari 7-6 (0), 6-3; Madison Keys beat No. 8 Paula Badosa 6-3, 6-1. **Men’s fourth round:** No. 6 Rafael Nadal beat Adrian Mannarino 7-6 (14), 6-2, 6-2; No. 14 Denis Shapovalov beat No. 3 Alexander Zverev 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3; No. 7 Matteo Berrettini beat No. 19 Pablo Carreno Busta 7-5, 7-6 (4), 6-4; No. 17 Gael Monfils beat Miomir Kecmanovic 7-5, 7-6 (4), 6-3. **STAT OF THE DAY** **28:40 (almost 29 minutes):** How long the first-set tiebreaker between Rafael Nadal and Adrian Mannarino took before the 20-time Grand Slam champion finally prevailed 16-14.

OLYMPICS

No gender equity in Nordic combined

By Larry Lage | Associated Press

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Like her brother, Annika Malacinski dreams of going to the Olympics in Nordic combined. As wintry weather settled in at the Olympic Jumping Complex and Mount Van Hoevenberg last fall, she and Niklas trained together in this tiny town that hosted the 1980 and 1932 Winter Olympics. The siblings fearlessly took flight off a ski jump and relentlessly pushed themselves on paved paths in roller skis alongside other Olympic hopefuls. Through it all, 20-year-old Annika knew she had no shot at competing in China in February. Nordic combined, which combines ski jumping and cross-country skiing, is the only Olympic sport without gender equity: There’s no women’s competition at the Games. “I think it’s absurd that one person can fulfill his dreams this upcoming year and one just has to keep pushing for it to be in 2026,” she said. Niklas Malacinski, who like his sister holds US-Finnish dual citizenship, agreed. “It isn’t right,” he said. “Even though we’re both in the same sport, it’s hard to talk about goals with her because I don’t want to make it sound like I’m bragging about what I have a chance to do, and she does not.” The 18-year old Malacinski finished sixth at the U.S. trials and just missed being one of five Americans competing in Nordic combined in China. Perhaps at the Milan-Cortina Games in 2026, the sister and brother from Steamboat Springs, Colorado, will both have a chance to go for gold. The International Olympic Committee executive board considered an application in 2018 that would have allowed women to compete in Nordic combined at the Beijing Games. After discussions with the International Ski Federation, the application was denied. “The inclusion of any women’s events in the Olympic Games are really important in promoting gender equality, but they also need to be at a level appropriate to be included in the Games and contesting an Olympic medal,” IOC sports director Kit McConnell said in 2018. “We have seen developments in that regard. But I think there was a general feeling that further development in terms of the universality, the competitiveness of the event, and the attractiveness and following of it needed to be seen before that discussion could happen again for 2026.” Talks will resume later this year. In June, the IOC is expected to decide on an application to give women access to Olympic gold in Nordic combined in 2026. Women in the sport, and advocates for their participation in the Olympics, are optimistic about the chances for inclusion in Italy. More than 30 female athletes are competing this winter at the highest level of the sport after the debut World Cup season for women a year ago. “I’ll be surprised if we’re not able to bring them in, although you never know,” FIS Nordic combined race director Lasse Ottesen said recently in an interview with The AP. “We’ve seen fantastic development the last two years. We have more and more nations taking part, and the athletes have developed in very fast to get to a good level. All the boxes have been checked from our point of view. “Gender equity is important for the IOC, and FIS, and by bringing Nordic combined in that would complete the program in the Olympics.” While the IOC will likely face another round of questions and criticism when the Games begin with women shut out in Nordic combined, the governing body is proud to point to improvements made toward gender equality. The IOC said the Beijing Games will set new marks for female competitors and women’s sports based on decisions its executive board made in 2018, increasing participation to 45% from 41% four years ago. Mixed team formats, such as one in ski jumping, were added to provide women with more opportunities, and sports such as speed skating now have as many women as men competing for the first time at the Olympics. Earlier this month, women and men competed together in the first World Cup mixed team event in Nordic combined. Annika Malacinski teamed up with Alexa Brabec, Taylor Fletcher and Jared Shumate to put the Americans sixth of eight nations in Italy. Malacinski lamented the gender inequity that will force her and other women to wait and hope they will have a chance to live their dreams in four years. “I think it’s insane that we are living in the 21st century and we are still experiencing inequality not only in our daily lives, but over a sport that we put our souls into,” she said. “Doesn’t feel good at all. As much as I love Nordic combined, it’s absolutely awful having to fight with other girls on my side to get it out to the world how we are the only Olympic sport that doesn’t have both men and women in the games for no reason at all.”



Annika Malacinski on Nordic combined being the only Olympic sport without gender equity: “I think it’s insane.” HANS PENNINK/AP

WEATHER

MONDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and chilly. North wind at 5 mph. Some flurries or snow showers are possible at night.

HIGH 30°

LOW 23°

TUESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Morning clouds giving way to partial afternoon sunshine, not as cold.

HIGH 40°

LOW 14°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny, breezy and colder. Wind chill values in the single digits for most of the day.

HIGH 22°

LOW 2°

THURSDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and cold.

HIGH 27°

LOW 15°

FRIDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Becoming mostly cloudy, chance for a snow shower, chilly.

HIGH 34°

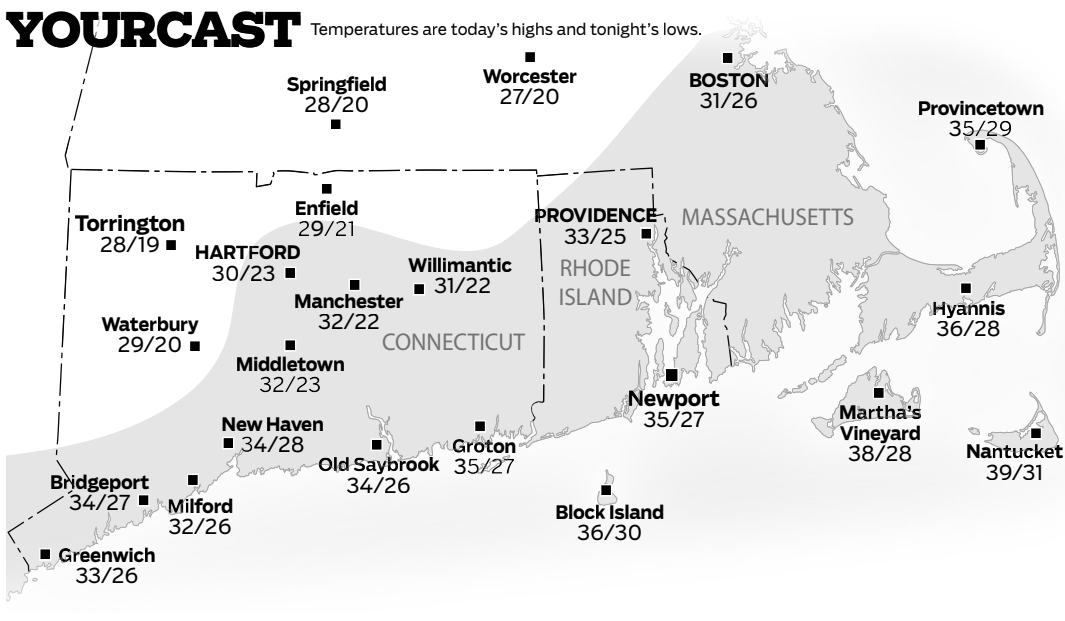
LOW 18°

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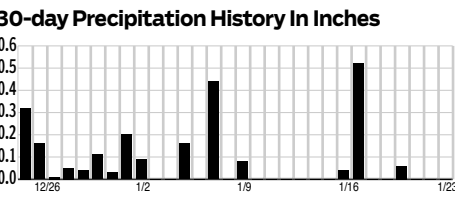
High pressure in northern New York will ridge southward into the area bringing partly sunny skies on Monday with high temperatures ranging from the upper 20s to the mid-30s. Winds will be on the light side, north at around 5 mph. A warm front could produce a few scattered snow showers or flurries overnight and any accumulation would be minimal. Temperatures will briefly turn milder on Tuesday with highs near 40 degrees, but more cold Canadian air will settle into the region on Wednesday with high temperatures in the lower 20s. It will remain cold on Thursday.

-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.10
Month to date	1.59	2.48
Total this year	1.59	2.48
Snowfall In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.4
Total this year	10.7	22.5

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	1:39 a.m.	8:16 a.m.	42°
	1:44 p.m.	8:29 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	2:50 a.m.	9:04 a.m.	38°
	2:55 p.m.	9:22 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	5:33 a.m.	12:20 a.m.	
Madison	5:38 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	
	2:59 a.m.	9:13 a.m.	36°
	3:22 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	
New Haven	3:19 a.m.	9:37 a.m.	34°
	3:42 p.m.	9:54 p.m.	
Stamford	3:23 a.m.	9:51 a.m.	37°
	3:46 p.m.	10:08 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 4.33 feet at 5:30 p.m.			
Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	N, 5-10	N, 5-10	N, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	2-3 ft.	2-3 ft.

Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good 29

Low 2

Air Quality Today

Ultraviolet Index Today

Wind Chill Today

Today

Tomorrow

Sunrise 7:10 a.m.

Sunset 4:55 p.m.

Moonrise a.m.

Moonset 10:42 a.m.

7:10 a.m.

4:56 p.m.

12:06 a.m.

11:07 a.m.

Moon Phase

Last Jan 25

New Feb 1

First Feb 8

Full Feb 16

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND BBangor 21 7 PC Burlington 17 8 PC Caribou 10 -5 PC Concord 24 16 PC Montpelier 16 11 PC Mt. Wash. 4 -4 PC Portland 25 14 PC Woods Hole 35 28 PC NATION Albany 23 15 PC Albuquerque 54 30 PC Atlantic City 42 26 PC	Baltimore 39 26 PC Bismarck 10 -18 PC Boise 33 14 PC Buffalo 24 19 C Charleston 59 41 S Cincinnati 37 24 C Cleveland 28 21 SF Indianapolis 39 16 C Jacksonville 62 38 S Las Vegas 64 42 PC Miami Beach 67 53 S Milwaukee 27 3 SF	Nashville 54 35 PC New Orleans 54 43 SH New York 35 31 PC Okla. City 66 29 PC Omaha 38 1 PC Orlando 64 42 S Pittsburgh 29 23 SF Raleigh 51 31 PC St. Louis 51 18 C Salt Lake City 41 25 PC San Antonio 54 41 C San Diego 64 53 PC	San Juan 84 73 PC Tucson 66 41 S WORLD Amsterdam 43 30 C Athens 43 30 SN Bangkok 88 73 PC Barbados 83 74 PC Beijing 36 21 C Beirut 53 46 R Berlin 45 37 C Bermuda 70 66 S	Budapest 32 21 S Buenos Aires 86 75 C Cairo 59 41 PC Cancun 78 68 PC Dubai 72 59 S Edinburgh 45 37 PC Helsinki 37 16 C Hong Kong 68 63 SH Istanbul 37 28 SN Jerusalem 43 37 SH Johannesburg 79 57 S Singapore 93 75 S	Kingston 86 70 PC Lisbon 57 43 PC London 39 36 C Madrid 46 39 C Mexico City 72 46 PC Milan 43 30 C Montreal 8 7 PC Moscow 14 9 SN Nassau 74 59 PC Paris 63 45 C Prague 43 36 C Rio de Janeiro 91 72 R Rome 54 28 PC Seoul 46 32 S Stockholm 39 26 PC Sydney 79 66 SH Tel Aviv 54 42 R Tokyo 52 32 SH Toronto 25 12 SF Vancouver 41 32 PC Warsaw 28 27 SN
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Temperature Sunday	High 36 at 2:55 p.m.	Low 17 at 6:13 a.m.
Normal for date	35	18
Record for date	60 in 1967	-19 in 1961
A year ago	33	16
Range this year	52	0

Heating Degree Days

Season 2704

Normal 3038

Last Season 2710

30-day Temperature History

Atmosphere High 30.04 at 12 a.m.

Barometer 29.75 at 3 p.m.

Dew point 13° at 2 a.m.

Low 7° at 5 a.m.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

Saturday's late high school results

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-Inter
E.O. SMITH 48, AVON 24
E.O. SMITH (9-3): Jill Dingler 2-2-6, Olivia Verboven 1-0-3, Paige Raynor 2-0-5, Kate McAvoy 3-0-7, Jenna Boardman 1-1-3, Claire Greene 3-0-6, Lilli Clark 2-2-6, Maddie Hughes 2-6-10, Bella Mallory 1-0-2. Totals 17-11-48.
AVON (2-7): Sophie Mango 3-1-7, Lindsey Arigoni 0-2-2, Adi Standish 1-0-2, Sophie DiBella 2-0-4, Gianna Godbout 2-0-6, Lindsey Snyder 0-2-2, Claire Cawley 0-1-1. Totals 8-6-24.
EOS: 20; 8; 10; --; 48
A: 4; 6; 4; 10; --; 24
Shoreline
OLD LYME 36, OLD SAYBROOK 18
OLD LYME (5-4): Ava Roth 2-0-4, Kate Walsh 4-5-13, Melanie Warren 3-1-7, Ali Kyle 2-4-8, Kelly Sheehan 0-2-1, Megan Loflin 1-1-3. Totals 12-12-36.
OLD SAYBROOK (2-8): Breleigh Cooke 4-3-11, Alex Ling 1-0-2, Beldina Feratovic 1-0-2, Cassie Johnson 1-1-3, Sophia Barker 0-0-0. Totals 7-4-18.
OL: 14; 11; 4; 7; --; 36
OS: 4; 5; 2; 7; --; 18
CRAL
CIVIC LEADERSHIP 37, INNOVATION 26
CIVIC LEADERSHIP (): Ariel Cuyler 1-2-5, Gabby Tinsley 3-0-7, Faith Ramos 0-2-2, Shaniqua Thomas 9-2-21, Taty Noguerra 1-0-2. Totals 14-6-37.
INNOVATION (): Kaylah Forde 2-0-4, Karina Falcon 3-0-6, Te'jah Roberts 3-5-12, Tamara Lopez 1-0-2, Rose Tirado 1-0-2. Totals 10-5-26.
CL: 7; 7; 13; 10; --; 37
I: 11; 8; 2; 5; --; 26
Others
SIMSBURY 37, RIDGEFIELD 34
SIMSBURY (11-1): Lauren Sabia 3-2-9, Katie Perlitz 0-2-2, Olivia Jarvis 6-1-13, Amanda Gallagher 2-1-7, Faye Kaplinski 2-2-6. Totals 13-8-37.
RIDGEFIELD (9-2): Maya Rubio 2-0-4, Kaya Weiskopf 2-0-5, Cara Sheafe 2-0-4, Harley Zins 2-0-6, Siovahnn Moroney 2-0-5, Andrea Paz 1-1-3, Anna Gillan 2-3-7. Totals 13-4-34.
S: 5; 7; 9; 16; --; 37
R: 6; 11; 11; 6; --; 34
Note: Sabia hit the go-ahead shot with 15seconds left. Kaplinski blocked the following Ridgefield shot and Perlitz hit

2free throws to seal the win.
ST. PAUL 43, FAIRFIELD WARDE 30
ST. PAUL (7-1): Sam Naples 1-0-2, Audrey Tice 0-1-1, Nadia Reimer 7-6-23, Zoey Rubins 2-2-6, Emily Ronalter 3-1-7, Sarah Lindquist 0-1-1, Kelsea Tefoe 1-1-3. Totals 14-12-43.
FAIRFIELD WARDE (3-6): Mia Caruso 0-3-3, Peyton Tully 1-2-4, Leah Fry 3-0-9, Ryanne Glubin 4-3-13, Peyton McIntosh 0-1-1. Totals 8-9-30.
SP: 12; 16; 4; 11; --; 43
FW: 10; 6; 10; 4; --; 30
BOYS HOCKEY
CCC-South
HALL 4, NORTHEASTERN 0
H: 1; 1; 2; --; 4
N: 0; 0; 0; --; 0
Goals: H--Hudson Hollander (2), Owen Miller, Ethan Stagg. Saves: H--Ethan DelGrosso, 15; N--Bauer Cordeiro Larkin, 24. Rec: H--4-4; N--1-9.

WRESTLING
Others
[b]New Milford Tournament[/b]
Team results: 1. New Milford, 211; 2. Fairfield Prep, 197; 3. Newtown, 162; 4. McMahon, 91.5; 5. Manchester, 67; 6. Norwalk, 61.5; 7. Stratford, 60; 8. Newington, 56.5; 9. Weston, 56; 10. Brookfield, 54; 11. New Milford 'B', 51; 12. Enfield and Bethel, 48; 14. Masuk, 44; 15. Harding, 28; 16. Seymour, 20; 17. Middletown, 19; 18. Amity, 14; 19. Wilton, 3.
[b]Granby Duals[/b]
BACON ACADEMY 48, GRANBY 27
BACON ACADEMY 35, WINDSOR 29
BACON ACADEMY 39, DARIEN 36
SUFFIELD/WINDSOR LOCKS 31, BACON ACADEMY 30
EAST HARTFORD 6, SUFFIELD/WINDSOR LOCKS 0
DARIEN 48, SUFFIELD/WINDSOR LOCKS 24
[b]Cougar Duals (Haddam-Killingworth HS)[/b]
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 57, HAND 18
HAND 51, WETHERFIELD 24
HAND 51, GRISSWOLD/WHEELER 12
HAND 48, TERRYVILLE/THOMASTON 18
[b]Smilkin Duals (NFA)/[b]
RHAM 54, NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 27
RHAM 48, KILLINGLY 31
STAPLES 38, RHAM 36

Sunday's high school results

BOYS HOCKEY

Others
WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 4, ROCKY HILL CO-OP 0
GIRLS HOCKEY
Others
AVON CO-OP 6, AMITY CO-OP 1
Monday's high school schedule
ALL GAMES AT 6:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED
BOYS BASKETBALL
CCC-South: Platt at Plainville
CCC-Inter: Manchester at Glastonbury, 5:30p.m.; South Windsor at Rocky Hill, 6:30p.m.; RHAM at Wethersfield; Hartford Public at Middletown; New Britain at Farmington; Bulkeley at Berlin; Lewis Mills at Simsbury; Bristol Eastern at Bloomfield; Southington at East Hartford; Avon at E.O. Smith
NCCC: Stafford at East Windsor
CRAL: Civic Leadership at Aerospace, 3p.m.; Achievement First at Weaver, 6 p.m.; University at Capital Prep, 6p.m.; Innovation at Parish Hill, 6:30p.m.; Classical at MLC, 7p.m.
SCC: Foran at Sheehan, 7p.m.
Others: Grasso Tech at Hale-Ray, 6p.m.; Northwestern at Canton; O'Brien Tech at Somers

GIRLS BASKETBALL
CCC-Inter: South Windsor at Hartford Public, 5:30p.m.; Southington at Lewis Mills, 6p.m.; Plainville at RHAM; Enfield at New Britain
NCCC: Stafford at SMSA, 5:15p.m.; East Windsor at East Granby, 5:30p.m.; Windsor Locks at Bolton, 6p.m.; Ellington at Granby
CTC: Goodwin Tech at O'Brien Tech, 4p.m.
CRAL: Weaver at Civic Leadership, 5 p.m.; Innovation at Parish Hill, 5p.m.
SCC: Guilford at Hand, 7p.m.
Others: Rocky Hill at Whitney Tech, 4:30p.m.; Somers at Aerospace, 5:15 p.m.; Wilcox Tech at Platt, 5:30p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY
SCC/SWC: Amity at East Haven co-op, 8:45p.m.

Others: SGWL at East Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Others: Amity co-op at Trumbull/St. Joseph, 7:15p.m.; Ridgefield co-op at Conard/Hall, 7:20p.m.

WRESTLING

Shoreline: Old Lyme at Portland, 7p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

CCC-East: E.O. Smith/Tolland at Manchester/RHAM, 3:45p.m.
Others: Southington at Hamden, 4p.m.; Cheshire at H-K/Morgan/Valley, 4p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

CCC: Wethersfield at Conard, 5:30p.m.
Others: Old Lyme, East Lyme at Stonington, 6p.m.

Saturday's late college results

MEN'S BASKETBALL

VERMONT 82, HARTFORD 72
MEN'S HOCKEY
YALE 3, UNION 2
CORNELL 2, QUINNIPAC 1 (OT)
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
CONN. COLLEGE 4, WESLEYAN 3 (OT)
FRANKLIN PIERCE 2, SACRED HEART 0
Sunday's college results
MEN'S BASKETBALL
MOUNT ST. MARY'S 65, CENTRAL 50
IONA 76, QUINNIPAC 61
ST. FRANCIS (PA.) 85, SACRED HEART 74
FAIRFIELD 69, MARIST 66

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn 75, ST. JOHN'S 57
VERMONT 71, HARTFORD 44
MOUNT ST. MARY'S 71, CENTRAL 60
YALE 57, DARTMOUTH 43
ST. FRANCIS (PA.) 69, SACRED HEART 66
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
QUINNIPAC 3, DARTMOUTH 1
TRINITY AT AMHERST, PPD.
MEN'S SQUASH
TRINITY 6, PRINCETON 3
BOWDOIN 8, WESLEYAN 1
WOMEN'S SQUASH
TRINITY 6, PRINCETON 3
BOWDOIN 8, WESLEYAN 1
Monday's college schedule

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern at Keene State, 7p.m.
Hartford at Binghamton, 7:30p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern at Keene State, 5p.m.
Lasell at St. Joseph, 6p.m.
Fairfield at Monmouth, 7p.m.
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
New Hampshire at UConn, 7p.m.
AHL Standings
Atlantic: GP: W; L; OTL; SOL; PTS; PCT
Providence: 31; 17; 10; 3; 1; 38; .613
Hartford: 34; 18; 11; 3; 2; 41; .603
Springfield: 36; 19; 12; 2; 4; 143; .597
Hershey: 36; 19; 12; 2; 4; 30; .556
Charlotte: 36; 19; 12; 2; 4; 32; .485
Bridgeport: 40; 15; 18; 3; 4; 37; .463
W-B/Scranton: 33; 13; 16; 1; 3; 30; .455
North: GP: W; L; OTL; SOL; PTS; PCT
Utica: 31; 22; 5; 4; 0; 48; .774
Rochester: 35; 20; 12; 2; 1; 43; .614
Toronto: 32; 17; 12; 3; 1; 37; .578
Laval: 28; 15; 11; 2; 0; 32; .571
Syracuse: 31; 14; 3; 1; 32; .516
Cleveland: 32; 13; 12; 4; 3; 33; .516
Belleville: 31; 15; 16; 0; 0; 30; .484
Central: GP: W; L; OTL; SOL; PTS; PCT
Chicago: 35; 24; 7; 3; 1; 52; .743
Manitoba: 35; 22; 10; 2; 1; 47; .671
Grand Rapids: 33; 15; 12; 4; 2; 36; .545
Rockford: 31; 15; 14; 1; 1; 32; .516
Iowa: 35; 15; 16; 2; 2; 34; .486
Milwaukee: 38; 16; 18; 2; 36; .474
Texas: 30; 10; 14; 4; 2; 26; .433
Pacific: GP: W; L; OTL; SOL; PTS; PCT
Stockton: 34; 23; 7; 3; 1; 50; .735
Ontario: 30; 19; 6; 3; 2; 43; .717
Bakersfield: 28; 14; 8; 3; 3; 34; .607
Colorado: 34; 18; 11; 3; 2; 41; .603
Henderson: 31; 17; 11; 2; 1; 37; .597
Abbottford: 29; 13; 12; 3; 1; 30; .517
San Diego: 29; 13; 14; 0; 2; 28; .483
Tucson: 30; 12; 15; 2; 1; 27; .450
San Jose: 33; 13; 19; 1; 0; 27; .409
Saturday's late results
HERSHEY 5, HARTFORD 0
PROVIDENCE 5, BRIDGEPORT 3
CLEVELAND 7, ROCHESTER 3
MANITOBA 4, CHICAGO 3
CHARLOTTE 4, LEHIGH VALLEY 1
W-B/SCRANTON 3, TORONTO 2 (OT)
UTICA 6, SYRACUSE 3
MILWAUKEE 5, GRAND RAPIDS 2
ROCKFORD 3, TEXAS 2
ONTARIO 7, TUCSON 3

HENDERSON 4, STOCKTON 3 (OT)
COLORADO 3, IOWA 2
BAKERSFIELD 4, SAN JOSE 3
ABBOTSFORD 5, SAN DIEGO 3
Sunday's results
HARTFORD 3, HERSHEY 2
BRIDGEPORT 4, SPRINGFIELD 3 (OT)
LEHIGH VALLEY 5, CHARLOTTE 2
MANITOBA 3, CHICAGO 1
TUCSON AT ONTARIO, LATE
SAN DIEGO AT ABBOTSFORD, LATE
BAKERSFIELD AT SAN JOSE, LATE
Monday's schedule
Toronto at Grand Rapids, 7p.m.
Cleveland at W-B/Scranton, 7p.m.
Big East basketball standings
MEN'S
Team: CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
Providence: 6-1; .857; 16-2; .889
Villanova: 7-2; .778; 14-5; .737
Marquette: 6-3; .667; 14-6; .700
UConn: 4-2; .667; 13-4; .765
Creighton: 4-2; .667; 12-5; .706
Xavier: 4-3; .571; 14-4; .778
Seton Hall: 3-4; .429; 12-5; .706
St. John's: 2-4; .333; 10-7; .588
Butler: 2-6; .250; 9-10; .474
DePaul: 1-7; .125; 10-8; .556
Georgetown: 0-5; .000; 6-10; .375
Sunday's results
PROVIDENCE 69, BUTLER 62
MARQUETTE 75, XAVIER 64
Tuesday's schedule
DePaul at Villanova, 7p.m.
Georgetown at UConn, 8:30p.m.
WOMEN'S
Team: CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
UConn: 6-0; 1.000; 11-4; .733
DePaul: 8-1; .889; 16-4; .800
Marquette: 6-3; .667; 13-5; .722
Villanova: 5-3; .625; 11-6; .647
Providence: 4-5; .444; 9-9; .500
Seton Hall: 3-5; .375; 8-8; .500
Georgetown: 1-5; .167; 6-8; .429
St. John's: 1-6; .143; 5-12; .294
Xavier: 1-7; .125; 6-11; .353
Butler: 0-7; .000; 1-15; .063
Sunday's results
UConn 75, ST. JOHN'S 57
VILLANOVA 74, CREIGHTON 64
MARQUETTE 75, BUTLER 48
PROVIDENCE 66, GEORGETOWN 58
DEPAUL 94, XAVIER 74
Tuesday's schedule
St. John's at Georgetown, 7p.m.

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